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## SIMMONS HAS ATTENDED 50 STATE CONVENTIONS Nearest Rival Has 45 Years



REV. BRYAN SIMMONS

According to available records Dr. Bryan Simmons, Ellisville, has attended more sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention than any living Mississippian. He has attended 50. The 1949 Convention will be number 51.

Now in retirement, but who knows for how long, he is enjoying the  
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## Convention Board Votes Changes In Baptist Organization In Its Pre-Convention Session

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted Monday night to separate the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention Board. In an all day session beginning at 10 a. m. and adjourning at 10:30 p. m. with time out for dinner and supper, the Convention Board members discussed Baptist work pro and con.

The Special Committee, headed by Dr. Frank Moody Purser, of First Church, Oxford, presented the following recommendations which were adopted:

### Recommendation I

1. That the office of the Executive Secretary of the Convention Board and the office of the Treasurer of the Convention Board be separated and kept separate.

2. That both the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer be elected by the full Board and that the treasurer shall act in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the Convention.

3. That the Treasurer shall serve  
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## Dr. Barnes Urges Consecration In Annual Convention Sermon



DR. JOHN E. BARNES

Preaching the annual Convention sermon to an audience that taxed the capacity of the First Church, Jackson, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, warned his hearers that Satan has many weapons to try to force Christians down to the level of the world. He named some of them as ridicule and popularity.

Dr. Barnes challenged his hearers to live consecrated lives. He reminded his hearers that Paul should be a challenge to them, citing Acts 26:24.

Using as his subject "The World's Cry," Dr. Barnes said that the world sought to bring Christianity down to its level, that the world's cry still is also heard in HIS church, that cry of the world is heard by preachers today and that this same cry is also being heard by individual Christians.

Slightly condensed, the sermon follows:

### "THE WORLD'S CRY"

Matthew 27:29-42

The attitude of the world to the cross is an interesting study, and at the same time an inexpressibly sad one. The world has gone far in trying to wipe out the true meaning of the cross and make it purely an ornament to be worn on the person or displayed in public  
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## State Convention Begins 114th Session

The 114th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention convened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, November 15, at the First Church, Jackson. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor First Church, warmly welcomed the messengers and visitors. Bruce C. Aultman, prominent Hattiesburg layman responded. The president, Dr. William Earl Greene, announced the following committee on committees: Rev. R. A. Morris, Rev. L. G. Sansing, Dr. W. Landon Miller, Rev. Troy Sumrall, Rev. C. M. Day, Rev. J. B. Middleton, and T. B. Mohon. More than a score of new pastors were introduced preceding the President's address which was delivered by Rev. M. V. McKinsten of Clarke College. The Brotherhood work was presented by Brotherhood Secretary W. R. Roberts. He presented Dr. T. R. McKibbens, who spoke on Brotherhood Work. After several numbers by the Mississippi Woman's College choir the convention sermon was delivered by Dr. J. E. Barnes, Jr.

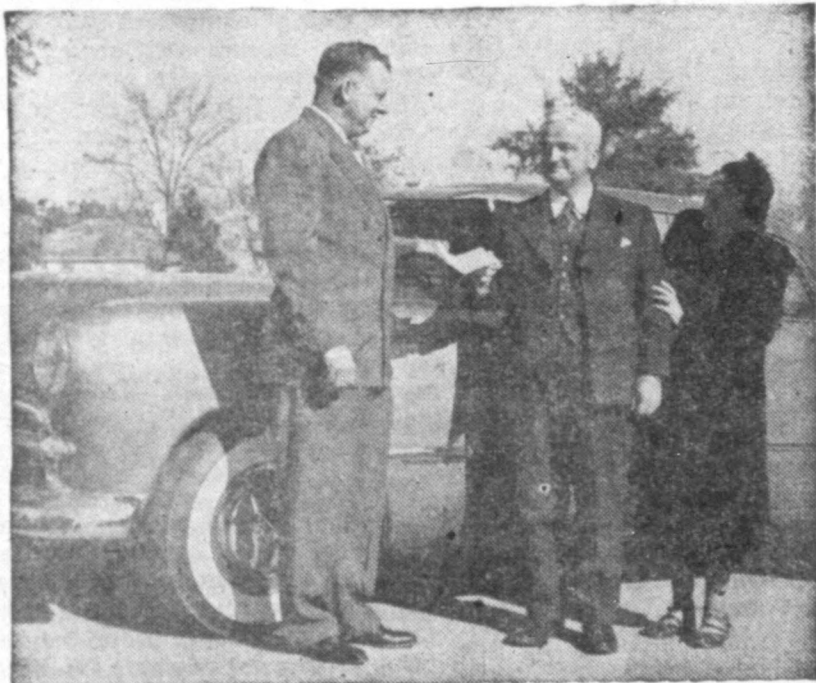
At the afternoon session of the Convention several resolutions were presented. Action will be taken on these after the committee on resolutions reports. Reverend A. Marvin Sanders spoke on a city mission program. Major W. E. Holcomb explained the C. R. O. P. program.

One of the highlights of the day was an address on evangelism by Dr. Ellis Fuller.

Other reports presented were American Bible Society; the Convention Board report; the Christian Education report; and the Social Service report.

Dr. W. L. Holcomb spoke on the work of the Temperance department.

## New Ford Presented To Dr. D. A. McCall



In token of their love and appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. D. A. McCall, Rev. Homer Roberson is shown presenting an automobile to them in behalf of thousands of Mississippi Baptists from all sections of the State.

—Photo by Black Studio, Clinton, Miss.

Mississippi Baptists have expressed their appreciation for Dr. D. A. McCall for his ten years' service as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board by presenting to him a new Ford, four-door sedan with all accessories. The presentation was made at the Tuesday night

session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Funds were secured under the leadership of Rev. Homer W. Roberson, pastor of the East Church, Greenville, and the presentation was made by Mr. Roberson as shown above.

## M. D. MORTON TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. M. D. MORTON

Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor of the First Church, Crystal Springs, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, November 20. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8:30 p. m. over WLAU, Laurel and WLOX, Biloxi; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, Clarksdale; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada; WHOQ, Philadelphia.

## Remember The Baptist Orphanage By Making A Liberal Thanksgiving Love Offering

## DR. BARNES URGES (Continued From Page One)

The cross is among the oldest of all sacred symbols and there is evidence that it was used in various forms as a religious emblem by widely separated peoples long before the beginning of the Christian Era. Many centuries before the time of Jesus the ancient Egyptians venerated the cross and carved it on monuments and mummy cases and put it on sacred cakes eaten as part of a religious ritual. In Egypt the cross may have acquired its sacred character because a cross-like device was used to measure the depth of the waters of the Nile. The cross was a religious emblem among the ancient Scandinavians, Druids, Etruscans, Sabines, Phrygians, Greeks, Romans, and Hindus. The swastika used as a mystic symbol among the ancient Aryans, is a modified cross. When Europeans first came to the new world they found the cross an object of veneration among the Aztecs of Mexico, the Incas of Peru, and other native American peoples. The movement at large among us in using the cross as an emblem to be worn as an ornament, speaks more than words what is the attitude of the world to the cross. The disciples who saw Jesus die on a cross had no desire to wear one as an ornament. They knew what bearing a cross meant.

The world seeks to bring everything and everyone to a common level. This is seen in the realm of Nature, and also in the attitude of the world to people who are either above or below the average. The same jail that imprisoned John Bunyan also contained cut throats and thieves. To the world one was just as despised as the other. The world seeks to bring all men to a common level. The world's cry to everyone who lives above the average is "come down."

I. The world sought to bring Jesus down to its level.

1. Just as soon as He was baptized Satan took the Saviour into the wilderness, and all Jesus heard for 40 days and nights was "Come down." After taking the Saviour to the top of an exceedingly high mountain, and showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, the devil then said sneeringly, "fall down and worship me." Matt. 4:9.

All during His ministry, Jesus was constantly hearing the cry of the world to "come down." After feeding the 5,000, they wanted to drag Him from His spiritual throne with the Father, and put Him on an earthly throne. "Come down" was the cry that Jesus heard.

The first thing Jesus heard upon starting His ministry was "cast thyself down, and the last thing He heard on the cross was the cry of the people "Come down" from the cross. For over three years He was never for one moment free from the pull of the gravity of the world to come down. How the world despised Him, because He came to lift the people to a higher level, and they did not want to be disturbed.

2. But notice that Jesus did not come down. He came to earth with a full knowledge of the price He would have to pay. Matt. 20:28: "the son of man came . . . to give his life a ransom for many."

You recall that grand confession of Simon Peter "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" Matt. 16:16. Soon after this confession Jesus began to explain that He must die and be raised from the dead. Immediately Peter exclaimed, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." Matt. 16:22. Jesus was very quick to recognize the voice of Satan to come down. If Satan could have just kept Jesus on a level with other men, He would have defeated God's purpose.

3. Theological leaders today are still trying to reduce Jesus to their level. Satan's voice is still shouting "come

down." In "The Great Divorce" by C. S. Lewis, a theologian is pictured as preparing a document on what would have been Jesus' attitude had He been allowed to grow a little older and overcome some of the enthusiasm and fanaticism of youth.

Even as Jesus was resurrected from the dead and ascended on high to be with His father, men tried to pull Him down by denying the resurrection and His ascension to heaven. In our midst today, the same false cry is heard.

Dr. J. W. Nixon, professor of Christian Theology in the Baptist Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Chairman of the Federal Council Department of Research in education, made this statement, "We shall hardly bandy words about the finality of Christ. The field is open to anyone, anytime to mean more to men than Jesus has meant. He was a human being. As a demi-god he is not an object of imitation. He was the child of his people and of his time." We still hear the world's cry, "Come down."

II. The cry of the world that still echoes in the ears of Christ is heard also in His church.

The greatest enemies to the church established by Jesus, as I see it, are not those considered to be evil, but those honest people in our midst who want the church to lower its standards. "Come down," is the cry they raise, "and live on the level with the world."

1. This cry is heard concerning moral standards. There was a time crooked politicians, sin-loving saloon keepers feared when the church spoke against them. Now, because of the constant downward tug of many within our ranks, these infamous criminals in our midst pay little, if any attention. III. I am thinking of a mayor of a town who sneeringly mocked a certain Christian leader, who sought to have him close a gambling organization, operating openly in violation of the law. This mayor knew that the gambling was largely done by church members who were supporting him.

Citizens of Mississippi do not need to look far to find our own government reaping dirty whiskey money. Why is it that Christian groups from our churches have not long ago demanded this cease?

2. The cry of the world is seen in many churches in the attitude to the doctrines of the church. The leveling process is being felt most strongly here. People are glibly saying, "What difference does it make what a church teaches, they are all more or less alike."

Union movements abroad in the land among churches is but the result of the lack of doctrinal stamina. Many people take the position, that it is more important to have a physical union of Christian churches in one Christian church than it is to have individual Christian churches preaching the truth about the Word of God. They would rather have an ecclesiastical hierarchy to speak for many thousands of Christian churches and many millions of Christians than to have individual churches speaking their own message in the truth of the word of God. The very genius of Baptist life forbids that we ever for one moment lower our message to a common denominator to fit into the groove of the thinking of ecclesiastical leaders. It is our sincere hope that Baptists will never compromise the word of God and the doctrine of His book in order to enter any union movement anywhere.

3. The Early Church did not lower its message to the level of the world. It preached a message of power and fire and challenged the world to come up to it. They died rather than lower their message.

In these days we need to remember the example of Jesus, our leader, and not come down. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to me." Only, as His church is higher than the world, can we hope to lift the world toward

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## Dr. Flynt To Head Baptist Brotherhood

Dr. M. L. Flynt, Meridian physician, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood at their annual Convention November 14, at the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Horace Hedrick, Laurel; second vice-president, L. I. Jones, Starkville; secretary-treasurer, J. T. Grantham, Jackson. Dr. Glen E. Wiley, pastor of the First Church, Grenada, was named advisor.

Highlights of the days sessions were the addresses by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. At the morning session Dr. Fuller spoke on "Evangelism, Its Means and Workings."

Monday evening he spoke to a full auditorium on "The Kingdom of Heaven and How It Is Denied By Materialistic Man." The hundreds of listeners, not only including the delegates but also many visitors who came to hear the well known theologian; heard him build his sermon about a parable of the men who had no time for the spiritual things because they were dedicated to carnal appetites.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, preceded Dr. Fuller with an address on "The Hate and Incompatibility of Men Today." He stated that for men to live together they must find a common philosophy and that the philosophy of love offered by Christianity is the only belief that can bring this world unity. He sighted a number of human beliefs which have flowed briefly and died because they failed to include the spiritual values.

Other speakers were: Rev. J. R. Sweetman, Rev. H. D. Jordan, Rev. Earl Edwards, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, Rev. Cary Cox, Dr. W. P. Davis, Carroll Gartin, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Rev. J. H. Street, W. R. Roberts and Dr. W. Landon Miller.

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## LAUDERDALE PASTORS TO MEET ON NOVEMBER 21

The Lauderdale County Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at Oak Grove Church on November 21.

Rev. J. H. Rupp will bring the opening devotional at 4 p. m. Rev. E. F. Graeser will stress the value of church music in worship and Rev. David Byrd will lead a Study in John.

The meeting will adjourn following supper and fellowship at 6 p. m.

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## SOUTHEAST PASTORS TO MEET NOVEMBER 21

Southeast Mississippi Pastors' Conference will meet on November 21 at First Church, Laurel. The program will begin at 10 a. m. with Rev. John Gilbert leading in a devotional, and Rev. H. J. Rushing will discuss "Making Baptism Beautiful."

Rev. Leon Clark will preach the sermon before lunch, and Rev. Leroy Green will lead in a Bible Study after lunch.

The meeting will adjourn at 2 o'clock.

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THE MANY FRIENDS OF REV. JACK Bridges, Mississippian, and now pastor of Lakewood Heights Church in Atlanta, Georgia, will be glad to know that the past year was one of the best in the history of the church. The high peak in the year's work was the going of one of their fine young men to Japan, under the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Charles L. Whalley, Jr.

## SIMMONS HAS ATTENDED (Continued From Page One)

privilege of supplying where needed and teaching study course books. His health is good and his many friends wish for him many years of health and usefulness.

Other Mississippians with records of many years of Convention attendance are: Rev. H. L. Rhodes, 22 Conventions; Rev. W. E. Lee, 35; Dr. A. L. O'Brian, 45; Rev. E. T. Moberly, 40 and Dr. H. L. Martin, 35.

### Attended First Convention In 1891

Dr. Simmons attended his first convention at Natchez in 1891 as a 14 year old boy. Concerning that first convention, Dr. Simmons said, "It was there I got my first glimpse of Baptists at work. There I heard Dr. J. T. Christian discuss Baptist history and Bible baptism. I can still see the pile of books on the pulpit. There I saw the venerable Dr. Webb, the young and consecrated Dr. W. F. Yarbrough, C. L. Anderson and W. E. Ellis."

Dr. Simmons graduated from Mississippi College in 1898. He began his work in the ministry as supply pastor at Ogden Church in Yazoo County while he was a student there. Entering the Southern Seminary in the fall of that year, he served in churches near Louisville until 1900, when he began his regular pastoral work in rural, village and city churches, as well as serving in Evangelistic meetings. He has led in the renovation or erection of nine church buildings and three pastoriums.

With the exception of one institution and one agency he has been connected in some way with every phase of the denominational program. During the erection of the first unit of the present Mississippi Baptist Hospital he served as Superintendent and as Field Representative. As President of Clarke College during World War I, he kept that institution alive without one cent of aid from the denomination, thus paving the way for the great work now being done there.

During the campaign for funds for the present equipment and buildings of the Baptist Orphanage he was Field Representative for that agency. He was a District Organizer during the Seventy-five Million Campaign, and at three different times has been employed as a Missionary Evangelist by the Convention Board.

### Initiated Patterson Memorial

On his own initiative he started a movement to endow the Chair of Bible and Evangelism at Mississippi College as a Memorial to Dr. M. O. Patterson and raised about \$35,000 before the project was merged with the present Enlargement and Endowment Program.

He has served as President of the Pastors and Laymen's Conference and as President and Vice-President of the Convention, and was asked to deliver the Convention Sermon at the Centennial session. On the floor of the Convention he has been somewhat of a free-lancer.

Some years ago, Mississippi College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His last pastorate was at Mt. Horeb Church in Covington County. On the last Sunday of that pastorate he preached twice in the new, but unfinished building the people had erected under his leadership, baptized a grand-father, received a step-grand-mother into the fellowship of the church and took a wholesome pounding home to his wife.

## Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

Final tabulation on cooperative program gains for the convention year ending October 31 shows that the total gain for this year above the receipts of the preceding year in cooperative program, alone, stood at \$11,433.57. Total receipts are in the top bracket, in the amount of \$1,456,013.05.

### I NEHEMIAH

To me Nehemiah is a great man of God! To me the book of Nehemiah is the most practical in the Old Testament! It right now forms a practical study for some of the people of God!

Chapter one: The people of God are in a sad plight in Jerusalem; Nehemiah as a man of God is brokenhearted over the tragic condition of his people; he pleads with God for them. What is your attitude and mine toward wayward brethren? Is the way out that of a smear campaign, lying, trying the case in the newspapers? No! It is in turning to God in compassion, brokenheartedness, confession of sin, prayer!

Chapter two: Nehemiah was sad in countenance; the king noticed it and offered help; Sanballat and Tobiah did not like it but "it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel." verse 10. Nehemiah: looked up; cleaned up; shut up; spoke up; and built up. First, Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem tried laughing at Nehemiah, verse 19. Nehemiah answered by prayer and determination, verse 20.

Chapter three: Godly brethren join Nehemiah building and repairing. God's man is always a builder! Sin and sinners destroy, tear down, undermine! "I will build my church." Matthew 16:18.

Chapter four: Of course progress, construction, growth, building, victory will please every one! No! Sanballat got mad and tried accusation and ridicule! verses 1-3. Tobiah joined in the ridicule! Nehemiah answered by prayer! verses 4-5.

Then, Sanballat, Tobiah, and new allies, the Ashdodites, formed a conspiracy, held secret caucuses, not to help but to "stop" and hinder." So says the word of God!

Again Nehemiah and his hosts answered by prayer!

Discouraged brethren then have to be dealt with! verses 10-12. Oh, the weak kneed brethren! God says "Let us not be weary in well doing." Galatians 6:9. God says, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable." I Corinthians 15:58. God says, "Act like men, be strong." I Corinthians 16:13. That was handled by looking to God and in organizing! They stayed with it when only men were men! Note verse 23.

Chapter five: Oppression within the ranks had to be dealt with. Nehemiah got "very angry." verse 6. If you can see grievous sin within the ranks and not erupt over it something is wrong with you! Amen! The oppressors were rebuked and generosity practiced!

Chapter six: Oh, where, oh, where can Sanballat be, oh, where, oh, where can he be? Well he is always around then and now awaiting his opportunity to exalt self at the expense of others! When he heard that great progress had been made by the people of God, and their anger and open opposition availed nothing they changed their tactics. They said to Nehemiah, "Let us have a union meeting on the plains of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief." verse 2. Nehemiah said, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down." Some of us have not time to stop soul winning and the work of Christ otherwise to engage in smear campaigns! They tried four times to get Nehemiah at this point! verse 4. Sort of persistent coyotes

were they not?

Oh! Oh! Oh! Sanballat resorted to letter writing! verse 5. Did you ever hear of that by evil doers? It was an ancient smear campaign! Do not think such started in your day and mine! Not so! It is an old trick of the old devil! This letter accused Nehemiah of rebellion! Nehemiah simply emphatically said, "It ain't so!" verse 8.

Again they tried to frighten the helpers of Nehemiah, verse 9. Nehemiah prayer for them! Oh, the power of prayer! Oh, the prayers going up today! Thank God and take courage!

One fellow was in hiding (verse 10) and he said to Nehemiah, "better come on in with me, they will kill you." God bless the strong heart of persecuted Nehemiah as he says in question, "Should such a man as I flee?" verses 11-13.

Praise God! The work is done! verse 15. The evil doers are put to shame! Verse 16.

Then, the evil doers resort to a regular campaign of publicity and letter writing, "many letters to Tobiah." verses 17-19.

Chapter seven: the people of God are registered. I think you will not find the names of the evil doers down on that list. God can get along without evil doers! They made a great offering! How in the world did they do it without Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem and the Ashdodites?

Chapter eight: the people of God read the word of God for a whole half day! Hot tears fell! They read again and re-established worship!

Chapter nine: the people of God separated themselves from evil doers, confessed their sins, recounted past blessings from God, worshipped God. They were so busy doing these things they had neither time nor heart for hurting others by lying, smear campaigns, etc.

Chapter ten: they make a covenant in writing. Some will put down their names in evil, others will sign up for God! They covenant in writing. Some will put down their names in evil, others will sign up for God! They covenanted to: separation, keeping the word of God, not inter-marry, keep the ordinances, observe the feasts with offerings, bring tithes and offerings, observing a proper order among the priests!

Where are Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem, and the Ashdodites?

Chapter eleven: Men offered themselves to the service of God and were placed according to need!

Chapter twelve: priests and Levites are listed; a great song service held; the wall is dedicated, worship was organized; offerings were brought for the service of the Lord.

Where are the troublemakers?

Chapter thirteen: the ungodly are weeded out (Baptists need that), an evil priest lived in the place of worship and was cast out (no kid gloves used), the temple is cleansed, support is given the Levites, the people are chided for neglecting worship, tithes are brought, sabbath desecration is denounced. Nehemiah got a little rough a couple of times. Once he said to Sabbath desecrators, "if you do it again I will lay hands on you." Again he said to those violating the sanctity of marriage, "And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair." Verses 21-25.

The book closes in an outburst of prayer by Nehemiah. It began with things in disorder in Jerusalem. It ends in decency and in order. Verse 30. It began in prayer! It continued in prayer! It ends in prayer! Doxology! Amen!

LET US PRAY!

II  
I showed the great ten year audit by Sanford, Watkins and Mize to a man of many years banking experience. He, enthusiastic in praise of progress made, was quick to catch it. Showed it to woman from Texas who for years has worked in C. P. A. office. She said it was biggest and best she had ever seen. Imagine anybody from Texas saying they saw something "bigger" beyond Texas. Showed the audit to a great Christian layman of Lexington, Kentucky. He owns houses, lands, businesses and a Christ-heart! He was unbounded in his praise both of the audit and the spectacular progress reflected in that audit.

God keeps correct records. Revelation 20:15 and 21:27. We rejoice in records that are right!

III  
Dr. James L. Sullivan, Nashville, a Mississippian, formerly pastor at Clinton and Brookhaven is a great soul. He is sincere, safe, spiritual. He served on our Board and Executive Committee. Sometime back during this year we invited back former members. He couldn't come. He wrote a great letter which we give to you. It suggests in its analysis, courage, and fairness, why he towers as a pastor today. The letter follows:

"Dear Dr. McCall:  
"You cannot imagine how I regretted not being able to come to the meeting of the former members of the Executive Committee as you requested last week.

"It happened that our Vacation Bible School was in full swing, and I was serving as a member of the faculty. It was also true that I had promised engagements in Cumberland University and other places, which made it utterly impossible for me to leave at this particular time. I wanted with all of my heart to be present but circumstances made it utterly impossible.

"I hope that the meeting accomplished that which you desired and intended, and feel sure that it did. Some of your friends had talked with me recently about some of the difficulties you are having, due to the unjust criticisms that are aimed your way upon the policies and procedures of the past. I do know personally that some of the things on which they are attacking you were things that were done with the full knowledge, permission, consent and authority of the Executive Committee at the time I was a member.

"My prayers are with you at this time as always, and it is my hope and prayer that you will be able to work through the difficulties of the present time with greater strength than you have ever possessed in your life.

"Rest assured that you have our prayers and backing and utmost confidence. In fact, I know of no state that has been more fortunate in the selection of an Executive Secretary than Mississippi has been under your leadership.

"It is impossible to move forward without meeting resistance, however, and one can expect opposition when he does things progressive.

"With every good wish and prayer, I am

As always your friend,  
James L. Sullivan"

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"We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offense in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in such patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults in labours, in watchings, in fastings: By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word

## H. B. YOUNGBLOOD TO BE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR 1ST CHURCH BROOKHAVEN



H. B. YOUNGBLOOD

H. B. Youngblood, of Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the call as educational director of the First Church, Brookhaven, Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor. He will begin his duties at an early date.

Mr. Youngblood is an A. B. graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and holds the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and a diploma in sacred music from the Seminary.

He has served as educational director of the First Church, Jacksboro, Texas, and while stationed in Washington during the war served as Training Union director of the National Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Youngblood has a wife and two children.

## New Mexico Convention Observes 100th Anniversary Of First Baptist Message

SANTA FE, N. Mex.—(BP)—The 38th annual session of the New Mexico Convention was held here in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the preaching of the first Baptist message in the state. The opening sermon of the convention was preached from the historic Santa Fe Plaza by Dr. James W. Middleton, Atlanta, Ga., pastor, as he stood at the very spot where the first Baptist sermon was preached. There was a striking difference in the attitude of the two crowds of listeners, according to Dr. Lewis A. Myers, editor of the Baptist New Mexican. The first group, 100 years ago, stoned their preacher, Hiram Read. The last group listened responsively to Dr. Middleton's message.

The approximately 1000 messengers to the convention voted a cooperative budget of nearly \$300.00 and a goal of 50,000 affiliates for 1950.

TOTAL PAID REGISTRATION FOR Ridgecrest for the past summer was 19,521.

of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good reports, as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." II Corinthians 6:1-10.

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## The Brotherhood Strengthens Church

Brotherhood work in Mississippi has made tremendous strides since the beginning of a state-wide program under the leadership of its first state secretary, Rev. J. H. Street, in 1945. He resigned in 1947 to return the pastorate, and was succeeded by W. R. Roberts. The number of Brotherhoods has grown from 53 in 1945 to 310 as of November 1, 1949.

This growth is due to the fine contribution Brotherhoods are making to the programs of the churches throughout the state.

Pastors are realizing that, just as organized woman power makes for progress, also does organized man power. They have found that men as well as women will respond to the challenge of service.

The aim of the Brotherhood is to harness the man-power of the churches—to enlist and train these men in Kingdom service. We consider this a most important and challenging objective.

Mississippi men can well be proud of the Brotherhood Convention held in First Church, Jackson, November 14. Sessions were held morning, afternoon and night. The program was packed with addresses that were informing, inspiring and invigorating. All the Mississippians on the program lived up to the best traditions of Mississippi men. The only out-of-state speaker was Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Seminary, Louisville. He spoke twice, in the morning and at night and both were classics.

Any one who attended the sessions of this convention will be forever without excuse for little living or sorry serving.

Secretary Roberts and his co-workers and his host of men and all who had a part in the planning and promotion of the Brotherhood Convention deserve orchids.

## Buses Beat Mail

Recently there has been much talk about increased rates for postage. While the Government is talking about raising postal rates we suggest that they raise the standard of service.

For instance, twice within the last few months we have had mail of importance either delayed or lost.

One letter was mailed from Jackson to Vicksburg and it has never shown up. Another letter was mailed from Jackson on Monday afternoon and arrived in Vicksburg on Thursday morning. We could have walked and carried it quicker than that and had plenty of time to sleep on the way.

We also frequently send packages of cuts and other materials to Vicksburg by bus. In all the years that we have been sending materials by bus we have never lost a package and in only one instance was a package delayed and that only for a few hours.

The buses seem to have it over the mail.

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## He Needs a Supply

According to Religious News Service, the Rev. H. Moellering, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Papillion, Nebraska, delivered two sermons on November 13 at churches 800 miles apart. He made a wire recording of the sermon to be played to the church of which he is pastor, while he is pastor, while he preaches the same sermon in the other church.

To us this looks like a cheap way of avoiding having a supply the Sunday the pastor is away.

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## More Don't's For Young Preachers

### DON'T BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER CALL

The one constantly looking for another place usually neglects his present place. If your church is not what you want, make it so. Fields made to order and to your exact liking do not exist. The man himself should shape and mould his church until it approximates the ideal. Do not look so much outward towards vacant pulpits with beseechings letters to your friends to commend you; rather look upward for more power, pleading with Christ to transform the present pastor and church. This is your lifetime job if God wills. The pastor who uses his church as a stepping-stone may be fashioning a tombstone—for himself and his church.

### DON'T FLIRT WITH OTHER CHURCHES OR THREATEN YOUR OWN CHURCH

The preacher who courts a call, or allows a call when he knows

he will not accept it, does a dishonorable thing. A man called of God to be His messenger, should at least deal fairly and frankly with churches. To allow a "call" simply because it will make your people think more of or do more for you, is to be guilty of an unjustifiable thing. One may gain a passing notice, but he will also gain an unenviable reputation. Then too, no pastor should threaten to resign in order to test the loyalty of his people. This threat of resignation should always be met with prompt and unanimous acceptance. The sooner such a foolish pastor moves on, the better. Resign when you are ready, but mean it and stick to it!

### DON'T DEAL IN OFF-COLOR STORIES

The story that is off-color should be off duty and retired. Do not tell a story to men that can not be repeated in the presence of women. People may laugh at your story while you are telling it, but they will afterwards laugh at you for telling it. You had better miss the laugh of a few than lose the respect of the many. The preacher who has the reputation of telling smutty stories rarely becomes a spiritual force in a community. Have a fund of good humor and a store of good stories, but avoid absolutely every story that is questionable! Not only do not tell them, but refuse to listen to them. They corrupt and debase.

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## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

## High Price of Publicity

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City last May Oscar Gibson, pastor, Eighteenth Street church, Louisville, Ky., introduced a resolution charging modernism in Southern Seminary and calling for an investigation. He did not come in private to the seminary president with burdened heart; he did not come to the trustees in regular meeting; he did not come to the executive committee in session. He came to a throng-packed auditorium and demanded the microphone to cry out his sensational accusations. A committee of five of our most trusted preachers has made the investigation; the seminary now stands clear in every way. We think the jeopardy of the good name of one of our most beloved and useful institutions is too high a price to pay for one preacher's personal publicity.—Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

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DR. B. C. LAND CLOSED A STEWARDSHIP revival at Bozler City, La., on November 14. There were 553 who signed tithing cards and the Demonstration Day receipts were \$2,055 as compared with the usual offering of \$1,000. All elected officers of the church are tithers. Dr. W. L. Sewell, Mississippian and former pastor at Prentiss is the pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 12, 1949

North Side	526	149
Van Winkle	420	240
South Side	256	121
Daniel Memorial	315	132
Calvary	1267	303
Calvary Mission	24	29
Laurel, First	669	204
Richland (Madison)	53	43
Charleston	221	
East Fork (Amite)	109	56
Evergreen (Winston)	77	66
Marion (Lauderdale)	119	92
Columbus First	1021	307
Crystal Springs	628	178
Enon	71	65
Mantee	135	37
County Line (Copiah)	136	76
Gulfport, First	720	175
Kosciusko, First	505	199
Friendship (Lincoln)	86	87
Calvary (Amite)	84	69
Chalybeate	61	48
Bethlehem (Jones)	132	80
Harmony (Tippah)	78	54
Harrisburg	449	167
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc)	83	60
Bruce	231	82
East McComb	486	253
Friendship (Pike County)	173	96
Laurel, Second Avenue	529	214
Corinth, Tate Street	358	139
Union (Pike County)	63	73
Bay Springs (including mission)	202	83
Brookhaven, First	975	263
Hamilton Street Chapel	104	49
Central Chapel	135	108
Ruth	84	82
Siloam	78	71
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	89	88
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	174	137
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	101	50
Lucedale	281	116
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	178	89
County Line (Jones County)	84	93
Yazoo City, First	339	85
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	151	103
Union (Alcorn County)	22	39
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1039	297
West Laurel	457	139
West Corinth	185	83
Providence (Forrest County)	182	122
Beulah (Simpson County)	152	119
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	97	34
McComb, First	585	133
Delay	49	49
Center (Union County)	149	85
Poplar Springs (Simpson)	73	
Centreville	122	53
Darling	74	41
Wallerville	123	68
Glenfield (Union County)	62	31
Ingomar (Union County)	138	108
First Church, Jackson	1268	455

November 6, 1949

Yazoo City, First	353	40
Harmony (Tippah County)	78	12
Carmel	79	62
Brookhaven, First	945	341
Hamilton Street Chapel	101	56
Central Chapel	102	96
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	75	57
Pascagoula, First		
Unity Mission	36	28
Chalybeate	54	43

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A MISSISSIPPIAN, NOW PASTOR—ing a large church in another state writes: After reading the Record I feel like I have had a visit with the work and churches in Mississippi. You are doing a perfectly wonderful job covering the Baptist work in the State. Really, I am made to look back to my native state with a desire to finish my ministry here on this earth among my people.

# DR. BARNES URGES

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Christ. We most surely cannot lift the world any higher than we are.

III. The cry of the world to Jesus on the cross is also heard by preachers today.

1. We are living in a world where the order of the day is to compromise. It is so with nations, who often times follow the road of not what is right, but what is expedient for the moment.

I once had a preacher tell me in all seriousness that he rearranged the points of his sermon as he saw various ones come in for the morning worship service on Sunday. It was not his desire to step on anybody's toes!

2. The presence of modernism in our churches is but an evidence of the fact that many preachers are listening to the call of the world. People do not like a message that condemns the sins they love and that calls them to a higher plane of living above the average of the world.

One of my friends attended this summer seminary in one of the northern cities. When he raised the question of the infallibility of the Bible in one of the classes, he was laughed at by the majority of those preachers in the class.

As we see preachers across the land coming down from their exalted position of preaching the truth it makes the blood run cold. We agree with Roland Hill who said, "I don't like those mighty fine preachers who round off their sentences so beautifully that they are sure to roll off the sinner's conscience."

3. Thank God for the heritage of the true preacher today. Preachers need to read over and over again the experiences of Paul who had rather go to jail and face the lash than compromise the message God gave him to preach.

We stood one day on sacred ground in Florence, Italy on a cross of stone that marked the spot where Savanorola, the great preacher, was burned at the stake because he would not come down with his message. Of him, Kohne, said, "the promises of divine grace enamored him with the ardor of a lover lost in ecstasy and wonder."

We need preachers today like Latimer and Ridley who were led to the stake at Oxford, England on October 16, 1555, rather than come down with a message of truth that they preached. And as the fagots burned about them Latimer spoke words which since have strengthened the faith of countless Christians the world over. "Be of good cheer, master Ridley and play the man. We shall this day light a candle, by God's grace, in England that I trust shall never be put out."

When one preacher comes down to the level of the world with his message, he leads hundreds of others astray. God, give us preachers of whom it can be said what was said of John Paul Jones, "he fought always as though the whole cause of American liberty depended upon him."

IV. The world's cry is also being heard by individual Christians.

1. I believe that the downward pull of the world is felt more keenly by Christians today than in previous years. There is a leveling process in force that is having disastrous results among Christians. One reason for this is that people have greater access to the outside world through the medium of travel, radio, and theatre. By being brought into close contact with others, it seems natural for people to copy the lower ideals of their neighbors.

Observing a crowd of people in some gathering, it is often most difficult to tell who are church members and who are not—sometimes it is impossible. That is what the devil wants. He is still shouting "come down" to everyone who calls the name Jesus as Saviour.

2. Satan has many weapons at hand to try to force Christians down to the level of the world. But let us never forget that his only force is persuasion.

One of his most effective weapons is

ridicule. Many people who would otherwise live above the world, wither and fall in the face of ridicule. Simmons has wisely said, "Ridicule is the first and last argument of fools."

Why should any Christian cringe before the scornful ridicule of a worldly crowd because he dares to live on a plane of life above the crowd?

Another weapon used by Satan to lower Christians to his level is the appeal to be popular. How many people—young and old alike—have lowered their ideals and conduct just to be popular with a certain group?

So we find girls and women sacrificing the beauty of a clean and wholesome life just to go along with the crowd. And boys and men forsaking the high road to character just to be accepted by a certain group.

It would be well to remember that "Popular applause veers with the wind." John Bright. We should also keep in mind that "Popularity is like the brightness of a falling star, the fleeting splendor of a rainbow, the bubble that is sure to burst by its very inflation."—Chatfield.

3. Paul gives the Christian the challenge to consecration. II Cor. 12:10-11. "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. I am become a fool in glorying." Paul forgot the attitude of the crowd in living the life of consecration to the cause of Christ. Others may have thought him a fool. Indeed Festus on one occasion said, "Paul, thou art . . . mad." Acts 26:24.

Suppose people do think you are a fool, or mad . . . they thought the same thing about Christ. Are we better than he? Jesus said, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

III. A prominent young man was at a banquet given in his honor. Wine bottles were well distributed on the table. Someone proposed he give a toast. He arose and said that since he did not drink alcoholic beverages he did not care to give a toast. No wine was drunk that night. Oh, what Christians would walk the highway of daily living with Jesus—come what may . . . and not "come down."

Conclusion: Do you see Jesus on the cross? Do you hear the crowds calling for Him to come down? Remember He did not come down. He died on a cross for you and me. He died in our stead. It was really our cross.

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## CONVENTION BOARD VOTES

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as treasurer of the Board, as business manager of the Baptist Record, and purchasing agent and chief accountant of the Board.

4. In view of the work of the Treasurer, the committee recommends that the Treasurer be a layman qualified for this work.

5. The committee further recommends that a special committee of three members of the Convention Board be appointed by the full Board now in session, such committee to nominate some suitable person to serve as Treasurer of the Board, the nomination to be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Convention Board.

6. This committee of three is to suggest the salary of the Treasurer.

7. This committee recommends that this arrangement is to take effect by or before January 1, 1950, if possible, or as soon thereafter as possible.

### Recommendation II

That auditors and accounting firms employed by the Board to audit Convention Board books to be employed by the full Board and responsible to the full Board, and that the auditors

## RECEIPTS BY STATES

JANUARY-OCTOBER, 1949

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
DUKE K. McCALL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

	Cooperative		
	Program	Designated	Total
Specials	7,819.70	5,378.19	13,197.89
Alabama	257,421.94	156,618.32	414,040.26
Arizona	14,699.74	7,228.05	21,927.79
Arkansas	191,263.91	119,323.01	310,586.92
California	11,313.22	11,033.62	22,346.84
District of Columbia	24,714.30	11,714.17	36,428.47
Florida	278,114.05	126,142.14	404,256.19
Georgia	357,223.07	235,925.02	593,148.09
Illinois	82,295.78	35,595.68	117,891.46
Kansas	1,229.86	271.08	1,500.94
Kentucky	378,945.70	134,688.70	513,634.40
Louisiana	178,786.73	119,398.18	298,184.91
Maryland	45,196.06	—	45,196.06
Mississippi	247,047.00	151,039.35	398,086.35
Missouri	291,041.33	140,858.32	431,899.65
New Mexico	33,127.04	28,521.28	61,648.32
North Carolina	464,276.34	352,003.36	816,279.70
Oklahoma	241,595.64	137,602.03	379,197.67
Oregon	1,009.56	446.23	1,455.79
South Carolina	457,531.99	195,012.31	652,544.30
Tennessee	489,965.02	156,854.84	646,819.86
Texas	758,333.34	384,641.26	1,642,974.60
Virginia	428,844.35	—	428,844.35
TOTAL	5,241,795.67	3,010,295.14	8,252,090.81

shall make an annual report to the full Convention Board at its pre-convention session.

### Recommendation III

The committee further recommends that all work in connection with relief and annuity be put under one man, who shall be the head of a Relief and Annuity Department of the Board, and that this department bear the same relationship in the Board that other established departments bear; and that the Associate Executive Secretary be the head of this Relief and Annuity Department.

### Recommendation IV

Your committee recommends that your Board go on record as exonerating Miss Bess Eva Schilling, the Executive Secretary of the Board, the Executive Committee of the Board and all the workers in the Baptist Building of any responsibility concerning inaccuracies or poor book-keeping practices, and that a certified copy of the Board's action in so doing be furnished Miss Schilling. The committee further recommends that the Board now in session appoint a special committee and instruct that committee to work out with the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention a fair adjustment of Miss Schilling's annuity account. And it is understood that this Board go on record as exonerated the Executive Secretary of the Board from all blame and all others connected with the differences concerning the work of the Mississippi Baptist Life.

The Board also voted to recommend to the State Convention that Cooperative Program funds be divided 50-50 in 1950. This means that fifty per cent will be kept for work in Mississippi and that fifty per cent will be sent for southwide and worldwide causes. Upon recommendation of the Associate Executive Secretary, Dr. William P. Davis, the Board voted to recommend to the State Convention that Mississippi Baptists cooperate in the Evangelistic Program for 1951. A Committee of laymen, composed of Marion Perry, Philadelphia; E. D. Hurst, Laurel; H. A. Scott, Tylertown; N. R. Paschal, Grenada, and Paul Townsend, Belzoni, was appointed to consider improved bookkeeping practices as suggested by the Special Committee.

A Committee composed of Pastors

MISSISSIPPI RANKED TENTH IN contributions to the Cooperative Program for Southwide objects according to a report from the office of Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Total contributions for the month were \$31,414. Of this amount \$28,572 was for the Cooperative Program and the remainder was designated.

ON NOVEMBER 7 THE LINCOLN County Baptist Pastors met for their regular monthly meeting in the office of the First Church of Brookhaven. Rev. F. L. Coker, Pastor of the New Prospect Church and President of the Conference presided. There were ten pastors present. Rev. Nestor Quintero, a student in the New Orleans Seminary, whose home is in Argentina, was the visiting preacher.

THE ST. LOUIS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION and the Missouri Baptist Association have withdrawn fellowship from the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis for accepting members who have not been baptized and others without baptizing them.

KANSAS BAPTISTS ELECTED W. A. Burkey president and adopted Cooperative Program of \$11,375.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS WILL vote at their general convention on a proposal to elect their state secretary-treasurer for an indefinite time, rather than on an annual basis.

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS REPORT 12,373 baptisms for 1949, a gain of 938 over the past year. The Sunday school enrolment climbed from 239,575 to 253,753, and the Training Union enrolment climbed from 29,304 to 35,414.

TEXAS BAPTISTS ELECTED A LAYMAN, William G. Fleming, president, adopted a budget of \$10,000,000, and instructed institutions not to receive U. S. funds.

THE SUCCESS OF THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING for the ORPHANAGE will be largely determined by the manner in which the people are requested. The PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, MISSIONARY SOCIETY PRESIDENTS and LEADERS of AUXILIARIES can help greatly in this respect. DO you best and the LORD will bless your efforts.

S. R. Woodson, Columbus; J. R. Davis, New Albany, and C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, was appointed to select a treasurer, as per the action of the Committee in providing that new office.

## Sparks & Splinters

**MAKE A VISIT TO THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE** during the STATE CONVENTION. If not at this time, come at your convenience. Come and see your GIFT IN ACTION. Come and see the children at work, at school, at play. Also see the many new buildings that have been constructed within the last few years. Look over the farm and the beautiful campus. We believe you will be proud of your Baptist Orphanage and the investments you have made. The Boys and Girls ARE LIFE INVESTMENTS.

**THE TRAINING UNION OF FIRST Church, Greenville,** is observing "Pastor Appreciation Week," in which the different groups are doing something nice for Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Elliott each day.

**THE LAMAR COUNTY ASSOCIATION** W. M. U. officers have been elected as follows: Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Superintendent; Mrs. H. C. Brannon, Secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. I. Drennan, Mission Study Chairman; Miss Ola Saul, Community Missions Chairman; Mrs. W. B. Kirtrell, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. Major Regan, Periodical Chairman. Mrs. E. M. Bilbo was chairman of the Nomination Committee.

**FRANK A. HOOPER, MEMBER OF** the Executive Committee from Georgia, has been appointed by President Truman as U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE COOPERATIVE Program** through October reached \$6,241,795.67, compared with \$4,921,238.12 for the same period in 1948. Total receipts reached \$6,252,090.81, compared with \$7,656,102.46 in 1948.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT** reports 19,440 training awards for October. The Training Union Department reports 28,157 awards, compared with 26,842 last year.

**THE ORPHANAGE DEPENDS ON** the THANKSGIVING gifts for the major portion of their maintenance. Let us not forget to remember them at this season.

**THE GOODMAN BAPTIST CHURCH** was led recently in a Training Union Strengthening and Enlargement Campaign by Rev. Joe Abrams of Shuqualak. He was assisted in teaching by the Pastor, Rev. P. C. Perkins, the director Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Mrs. P. C. Perkins, and Miss Eula Wynne. The average attendance was 56 and 54 awards were made. This was a very profitable week of work with every union experiencing substantial growth.

### TELEGRAM

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BAPTIST BLDG JACKSON MISS  
PLEASE URGE SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO SHIP TO NEW ORLEANS RELIEF CENTER, 601 S. OLYMPIA STREET, EVERY AVAILABLE POUND OF USED CLOTHING AND RELIEF SUPPLIES SO AS TO ARRIVE PRIOR DECEMBER 15, DATE WHEN RELIEF CENTER IS TO CLOSE. NEED IN EASTERN ZONE STILL DESPERATE.  
E PAUL CAUDILL, CHAIRMAN  
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE  
RELIEF COMMITTEE.

**DR. A. H. REID, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** of the Alabama Baptist Convention reports \$9,332 increase in Cooperative Program gifts in September 1949 over the same month of 1948. Alabama Baptists are to be congratulated.

**EBENEZER (JEFF DAVIS COUNTY)** W. M. S. had fifteen members present at the regular business meeting on November 7. Officers were installed for the new year and an emphasis was made on Stewardship and Community Missions. The W. M. S. has three circles. Rev. Doyles Caples is pastor of the church.

**REV. J. C. PENSON MOVED FROM** the pastorate at Ozyka to the Angie Church in Louisiana.

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** of the Disciples of Christ meeting in Cincinnati went on record as opposing public funds for parochial schools.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF** Dallas, Texas, has adopted a budget of \$400,000 for 1950.

**GILBERT GUFFIN, HOWARD COLLEGE,** has been elected president of Eastern Seminary.

**LISTEN, AMERICA! LEAVE THE** matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and the state forever separate.—ULYSSES S. GRANT.

**"PRAYERLESS PEWS MAKE POWERLESS pulpits."**

**RELIGION, YOU SAY, HAS BROKEN** down? Well, it may be that your puny prejudices, your preconceived ideas, your home-made theories and self philosophies have broken down—and that's a good thing. But that's not religion! There is a great difference between the failure of a conception and the failure of the reality itself.—Peter Marshall, in MR. JONES, MEET THE MASTER (Revell).

## DR. ELLIOTT HONORED ON FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

The Church membership and all departments honored Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Elliott Sunday, Nov. 5 on the beginning of the fifth year of Dr. Elliott's ministry as pastor of First Church.

The Church roll shows a membership of 2156 in November, 1949, 1400 of that number active, as compared with 1300 in 1945 when Dr. Elliott assumed the pastorate with 800 active.

During the past year 106 joined the church by Baptism. During the period there has been over 100 rededications.

Junior deacons have charge of the services at the Youth Revival Hour every Sunday night. Dr. Elliott inaugurated the plan fifteen months ago and the program is broadcast over WJPR.

A Baptist Brotherhood was organized in May 1946 on suggestion of Dr. Elliott. The Brotherhood has a membership now of 100.

The North End Missions of the First Church was established in February, 1949 and now has an average attendance of from 35 to 40.

It was Feb. 22, 1947, when the First Sunday School moved into a \$250,000 Educational Building. Since that time the average attendance has increased from 450 to 800 and has reached 900.

A series of Building Fund offerings have resulted in ample funds to start building and take care of bonds and interest to meet any emergency that might arise. This fund, it is hoped, will soon reach the amount necessary to begin a new church auditorium.

The church budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 was \$46,000 as compared with \$18,000 in 1945.

Offerings for all causes during the past year totaled \$79,000.

All organizations have shown steady and healthy growth. The B. T. U. has an average of 220 as compared with 70 enrolled. The W. M. U. has more than doubled its membership and activities. Other organizations have shown equally steady growth. The Cooperative Program has received a monthly check from Greenville's First Baptist.

Seven young men have dedicated their lives to the ministry and several

## UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES PRAYER PERIOD

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—(RNS)—Deliberations of the UN General Assembly will henceforth open and close with a minute of silence for prayer and meditation, it was decided at a plenary session of the Assembly here. The decision becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1950.

The action, approved by a 45-to-0 vote, was the first official recognition of the world's religious in UN proceedings.

Abstaining from the vote were the following: Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Uruguay and one unidentified nation.

Drafted last summer by the Assembly's special committee on methods and procedures, the proposal resulted from a flood of protests to the United Nations from persons in all parts of the world who asked the body to take cognizance of the religious heritage of mankind.

As adopted, the proposal states:

"Immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting and immediately preceding the closing of the first plenary meeting of each session of the General Assembly the President shall invite the representatives to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer and meditation."

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### "THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IS A

matter of both the hand and the heart. It is designed to make both clean and pure; it is dependent upon both for it is a matter of both feeling and doing. But before the hands can become clean the heart must become pure. There must be the inner regeneration of grace before there can be the transformation of conduct. People who think they can be truly moral without becoming Christians need to see this. Further, the proof of a pure heart is found in clean hands. Christian faith is meant to find expression in needs of goodness."—Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher.

have begun their studies at college. Ten young ladies have dedicated their lives to Christian Service.

Mrs. Elliott, who has a bachelor's degree in Religious Education, is Young Women's Auxiliary Leader, superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School. She is sponsor of the Intermediate B. T. U.

### THE BOY FROM NORTH-

field (\$1.00) by Harry Albus is a lively story of Dwight L. Moody. Moody is introduced as a lively typical American boy, and the story gradually advances to the full picture of the consecrated Christian man that he was. The many incidents and anecdotes are told with careful regard to the true facts, as related by Moody himself or by his biographers. Young readers will enjoy this biography. Order from the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or from the Baptist Book Store.

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**IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT** there will be three things which will surprise us when we get to heaven—one, to find many whom we did not expect to find there; another, to find some not there whom we had expected; a third, and perhaps the greatest wonder, to find ourselves there! —Dwight L. Moody, in Volume II of GREAT PULPIT MASTERS (Revell).

## STORIES FOR YOUTH

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### THE BUILDER FOR ALL

Every officer and teacher in the school should get the Sunday School Builder. It is the greatest magazine we have for helping to build bigger and better Sunday schools. It is money well spent for the school to provide this fine magazine to every officer and teacher.

### THE WORSHIP PERIODS

The worship periods of the Sunday school are so important. They can help prepare the minds and hearts of the people for the work of the morning.

They should be carefully planned, assignments made in advance, and then well carried out. They are not to teach the lesson, but are designed to help create a worshipful atmosphere that will make it easier to teach the lesson thereafter.

The Sunday School Builder has so many helpful suggestions on these programs, both for the department and the class school. General and department leaders will surely do well to study these suggestions each week.

### ADULTS WILL RESPOND

Pages 54 and 55 of the November Builder carry a most inspiring article on the response of adults to a challenging program of Bible teaching in our Sunday schools.

We know that adults will respond to such a program because they have done it on numerous occasions, and will do so on others also when they see the value of the basic things by which we grow greater schools for Bible teaching. Read this article.

### MORE FOR MISSIONS

Page 8 of the November Builder has a splendid emphasis on "Let's Give More to Missions," by Dr. J. E. Dillard.

Officers and teachers will do well to read this and be helped thereby to carry its helpful and needed message to their people. Surely, we do need to give more to the great part of carrying the gospel message of saving grace to all people.

### BETTER TEACHING

Any teacher who is really trying to do a good job of it wants to be a better teacher. That is certainly the right attitude and desire.

No teacher is as good as he should be who is as good as he wants to be. And also no teacher is as good as he might be who is not as good as he wants to be.

Do you want to improve your teaching?

Well, study carefully pages 25 and 26 of the November Builder. Mr. Washburn has given us some valuable aids to better teaching. Any teacher can profit from a good study of these two pages. Try it.

### ADULT ASSETS

On page 52 of the November Builder is a most excellent article by a fine pastor on the place, power, and influence of adults in a church program.

God does have a very definite place and part for adults in his work, and that goes for the Sunday school, too. The more we reach the adults, the more we will also reach others, and the easier it will be to do it.

We can never build the schools we

need without making large provision for the adults. Read the challenging article.

### OFFERING EVERY SUNDAY

And why not have a church offering every Sunday?

Every church can have, and many are having, even in the churches that do not have preaching every Sunday. Every church should have an offering every Sunday.

There is a Sunday school every Sunday, so the people are there. And while we worship, teach, and study, we can also have a church offering. Many churches that do not have preaching every Sunday have completely revolutionized their financial programs by adopting the plan of an offering every Sunday—that is, a regular church offering, and not just a penny or a nickel for Sunday school.

### OUR YEAR'S THEME

Pages 18 and 19 of the November Builder carry a forceful emphasis about our theme for the new Sunday school year. Read it.

Let's get going on our great theme of "Take Your Family To Sunday School." The doing of that one thing in a big way this year will add up to one of the greatest years Southern Baptists have ever had. Our homes need God.

### THE SAME STORY

Pages 48 and 49 of the November Builder tell the same old (or is it old?) story, that if we add more units we will add more people.

We can build schools as fast as we provide the space and train the workers.

Read this good article and do likewise.

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### HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Dr. Robert G. Lee.  
November 20—subject: "Be Ye Thankful."

Stations in Mississippi  
At 2:30 p. m. Sundays:  
WROF, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; WGCM, Gulfport.

The Radio Ministry of Southern Baptists is carried on solely through individual voluntary contributions, mailed to THE BAPTIST HOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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### MRS. W. H. THARP

On the night of Oct. 25, 1949, God in His infinite wisdom, called to her Heavenly Home, Mrs. W. H. Tharp, a most beloved member of Bailey Bible Class of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

In the passing, we feel we have suffered an irreparable loss. For 25 years she served faithfully and well as president of the class. By her beautiful Christian character and gracious personality she endeared herself to us all. We shall miss her sweet smile, warm hand clasp and cheerful greeting on Sunday mornings, but realize our loss is her eternal gain.

To her devoted daughter and family we express our deepest sympathy and commend them to the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and pray that God will fill the void in their hearts with His love.

First Church, Jackson,  
Bailey Bible Class  
MRS. W. H. JACKSON  
MRS. E. B. BELL

## Department of Temperance Activities

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### MRS. JOYCE MANSKER RESIGNS

Mrs. Joyce Mansker leaves the Department of Temperance Activities to move back to Winona where her husband has been transferred. She came to this work thirteen months ago from Winona where she served as church secretary in the First Baptist Church. We regret to lose her. She will be missed by her many friends at Baptist Headquarters.

Mrs. Mansker is an excellent secretary. She is an efficient, capable worker. Her spirit can not be excelled. Because of her attitude and fine spirit, she has been a source of inspiration, and it has been a joy to be associated with her in this great work.

### ASSOCIATIONS RESPOND TO OUR WORK

Most of the associations gave a good place to our work in their annual meetings. We regret very much that we could not make all of them. The ones we did attend gave as much time as possible to our work and all of them were wholeheartedly behind the cause. It was gratifying to know that the great masses over the state were deeply burdened and tremendously interested in ousting alcoholic beverage from our state. Hundreds of people want to do something to help in the battle against John Barleycorn. One of the greatest things right now that

our Christian people can do is to contact their legislators and let them know that you want to see Mississippi remain legally dry and that you are interested in making it actually dry. A legislator from one county stated not long ago that he had received two letters from people who wanted his support to keep Mississippi dry while scores of letters came from the wetts urging him to word toward legalizing whiskey in Mississippi.

It is child play to spend our money, time, efforts, and tears dealing with the results of drinking. What we need to do is to destroy the causes of our trouble by ousting liquor. Intelligent citizens would not argue to put hospitals and morgues at the foot of a precipice on dead man's curve to take care of victims. They would take steps to straighten the curve or put up guard rails. One of the tests used to determine whether inmates of insane hospitals are ready to go home is to put them in a room with a faucet running water and tell them to mop up the water. If they are sane, the first thing they will do is to turn off the water. If they spend their time mopping while the water is running, it is evidence that they are insane. Yet many of our so called intelligent citizens are spending their time trying to mop up the crime and blood caused by liquor and paying no attention to the cause which is liquor.

## MRS. FOX RECOGNIZED FOR 17 YEARS ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Mary B. Fox, member of the First Church of Vicksburg, was recently awarded a bar for 17 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. Seventeen years ago she received a pin for the first year's record of perfect attendance and a bar has been added each year since that time. J. P. White, Superintendent of the Sunday School, presented the 17 Year Bar at the Council Supper Meeting held November 3.

Perfect attendance in Sunday School for 17 years can be properly termed as "sustained outstanding performance. This performance began in the year 1932 when Dr. Morgan was pastor of the church. Since that time Dr. Wallace Rogers has served six years and Dr. Haworth has served as pastor ten years.

The membership in this church has grown from 925 members to 1949 members at present.

The Sunday School membership has grown from 400 to approximately 1,000.

Dr. I. C. Knox was Superintendent of the Sunday School. Since that time P. E. Cunningham, F. C. Willcoxon, J. W. Jordan, Jr., Forrest Watkins, and J. P. White have served as Superintendents.

If all these Sundays ran consecutively, making a year of 365 Sundays, Mrs. Fox would have gone to Sunday School every day for approximately two and one-half years.

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"THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER for December contains an interesting and helpful article entitled How Much Training Should a Church Do by Dr. Charles L. McKay, pastor of the First Church, Pascagoula.

## 40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.  
40 YEARS AGO

Roxie Church has "experienced one of the best revivals of its history" with 26 additions to the church. Rev. W. S. Allen did the preaching.

The Inverness Church received 14 into the membership as result of a "gracious meeting" in which pastor R. D. Maum was assisted by Rev. W. R. Cooper of Ita Bena.

The Union Baptist Church, Franklin County, enjoyed a genuine revival with the pastor, Rev. Homer H. Webb, Roxie, doing the preaching, resulting in 20 accessions to the church.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Pastor J. E. McGraw "reports a splendid meeting with the McDonald Church, Neshoba County, with 10 additions, two by baptism.

The Beulah Church, Smith County, was "never moved as it was in this meeting" of seven days by the preaching by Carey Vanzant on Saturday, Pastor Dan Moulder and Rev. C. S. Thornton on Sunday, Rev. R. L. Wallace on Monday, and Rev. J. W. Mayfield from Tuesday through Thursday. R. L. Moulder, son of Pastor Moulder, led the singing. Seven girls were converted, a B. Y. P. U. organized, a W. M. U. re-organized, and "a happy church and pastor" left behind.

The Pine Bluff Church, Copiah County, had S. S. Secretary J. E. Byrd to assist Pastor Owen Williams in their annual revival with the following schedule and results: Class in Manual 9 A. M. and 5 P. M. each day, conference on soul-winning and related topics at 10:30 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., resulting in 22 diplomas delivered and 53 additions—37 for baptism, 14 by letter, one by restoration and one by relation.

## CHAPLAIN I. L. BENNETT ASSIGNED TO FAR EAST

Chaplain (Colonel) Ivan L. Bennett (a Baptist) has been assigned to the Far East Command as Supervisory Chaplain, the Department of the Army announced today. He has been an Army chaplain since 1918.

A native of Asheville, North Carolina, Chaplain Bennett attended Wake Forest College, LaSalle University and the Southern Seminary. A minister of the Southern Baptist faith, he has served the First Baptist Church at Roxboro, North Carolina, and the Pleasure Ridge Park Church at Louisville, Kentucky.

Chaplain Bennett has been serving as Chaplain of the Fourth Army with Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, since June, 1949. In his new post, Chaplain Bennett succeeds Chaplain (Major General) Roy H. Parker, recently recalled from Japan to assume duties as Army Chief of Chaplains in Washington.

Chaplain Bennett is one of our outstanding Southern Baptist men. When General MacArthur left Bataan to re-staff in Australia for the drive back to Tokyo, he requested Chaplain Bennett as his staff chaplain. Bennett remained with him throughout the return conflict and in the occupation until late '46.

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## REVIVAL HELD AT CRANE CREEK, PEARL RIVER CO.

Crane Creek Church in Pearl River County held its annual revival October 23-28. Rev. C. G. Wells, Carriere pastor, was the evangelist and Rev. Donald Bennett, associational missionary, led the singing.

There were four additions, two on profession of faith. A young lady dedicated her life to full-time service.

The pastor, Rev. V. C. Patterson, moved into the parsonage on November 1.

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## Clarke Assoc. W. M. U. Meets

The Clarke County Associational W. M. U. Clinic met in the First Church, Quitman, November 3. Mrs. W. E. Walters, Associational Superintendent, presided.

All Associational Officers were present, fifty-six registrants represented eight of the nine societies in the association.

Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Dean of Women, Mississippi Woman's College, spoke at morning session.

Simultaneous conferences met as follows: Presidents, with Mrs. Walters leading; Young People's Leaders, Mrs. Harold Anderson; Community Missions, Mrs. C. P. Campbell; Mission Study, Mrs. Jim Short; Stewardship, Miss Gladys Meadows.

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## 21 ADDED IN REVIVAL AT CALVARY CHURCH TUPELO

Dr. J. Norris Palmer of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, did the preaching in the revival at Calvary Church, Tupelo. Dr. Robert L. Palmer of Baldwin led the singing.

There were twenty-one additions to the church, seven on profession of faith. Rev. W. L. Day who is the pastor, speaks in glowing terms of the services of the Palmer brothers.

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DR. E. D. ELLIOTT, PASTOR OF First Church, Greenville, led in a revival at Anguilla Church the week of October 20. There were 27 rededications, 12 for baptism and 12 by letter. Rev. J. W. T. Miller is the pastor.

## MRS. V. C. MAXWELL PASSES

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, October 28 at 2:00 o'clock from the Fair River Baptist Church east of Brookhaven for Mrs. Fleet C. Maxwell of that community. Mrs. Maxwell passed away at her home Thursday morning where she had been in ill health for some time. She was the former Cable Wilson from one of Lawrence County's pioneer families, and since her marriage, some 45 years ago, she has been an active member of the Fair River Church and community. The multitude of flowers expressed the esteem in which she was held.

The services were conducted by Rev. Leon Clarke of Ellisville and Rev. W. P. Brewer, pastor of Fair River, assisted by the Reverends D. O. Horne and E. E. Hedgepeth, both of Monticello; B. E. Evans, Hazlehurst, nephew of the deceased; Edwin Burns, Brookhaven; and Wayne Todd of Jackson. Interment was made in the Fair River Church cemetery. Active pallbearers were Mrs. Maxwell's five sons-in-law and a nephew, James George.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, O. B. Maxwell of Raymond and Victor Maxwell of Jackson; five daughters, Mrs. C. W. Williams and Mrs. J. W. Brock, both of Jackson; Mrs. William M. Moss, Raymond; Mrs. Jack D. Gunnell and Mrs. Clint E. Lofton, both of Brookhaven; four sisters, Mrs. J. O. McCullough, New Hebron; Mrs. T. C. Evans and Mrs. J. L. Douglass of Sontag; Mrs. Frankie George, Brookhaven; two brothers, H. A. and M. L. Wilson, both of Monticello; and eleven grandchildren.

## Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones,  
Oh, so happy and so bright,  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,  
Every restless tossing passed.  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Ah! but Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me,  
In that way so hard to tread,  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely  
For I love you dearly still,  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand,  
Do it now while life remaineth,  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh! the rapture of that meeting  
Oh! the joy to see you come.

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## WMS Makes Progress At Second Church, Greenville

The W. M. S. at Second Church, Greenville, has made noteworthy progress during the past year. On October 1, 1948, the three circles enrolled 29 members, and the Y. W. A., G. A. and Sunbeam band enrolled 39. This year the five circles reported a membership of 98, with 19 enrolled in the Business Women's Society, and 75 enrolled in the Young People's organizations. Three new units had been organized: an R. A., and an additional G. A. and Sunbeam Band.

Tithers increased from 19 to 92. Since the Stewardship revival in which Dr. B. C. Land did the preaching, there are 195 tithers and the offering has doubled.

Rev. M. E. Perry is the pastor.

## STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCES



Shown above are pictures made at the Stewardship Conferences Monday, October 24, at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, and at New Hope, Covington County, October 25. Dr. Wallace Bassett is shown enjoying a delicious meal served by the Harrisburg Church. The young ladies are members of the Blue Mountain College quartet. The group was made at New Hope just after a bountiful meal was served.

## BROOKHAVEN, FIRST SUMMARIZES GROWTH

The First Church of Brookhaven, Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor, had 363 additions, with 129 baptisms, during the past associational year. The total membership is now 2,237.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 1,606, and the Training Union enrollment is 449. The W. M. U. has an enrollment of 348.

Total gifts for the year amounted to \$86,192.78, of which \$30,306.43 was for missions and benevolences.

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## GOLDEN LEAVES PICKENS

Although we have enjoyed our brief stay with the Pickens Baptist Church, we are departing the state again—this time to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Corning, Arkansas.

This work has been most happy and congenial. Our new church building, which we began a few months since, is nearing completion—and without debt.

The pastorate of First Church, Corning, affords a boundless evangelistic opportunity, which challenges me beyond resistance.

Praying God's richest blessings for the Pickens Church, and for the Mississippi brotherhood, I am,

Most sincerely and fraternally yours,

LEO B. GOLDEN

## Union, Rankin Goes Half Time; Has BTU Study Course

Union Church in Rankin County, which has been supporting a quarter time program, has voted to promote a half-time program. Rev. C. M. Grayson of Magee is the pastor.

The church has an active Sunday School, W. M. U., and Training Union. Plans are being made to organize a Brotherhood.

The BTU has just completed a study course in which Rev. Lewis Stanger, Associational missionary, taught the adults; Mrs. Florence Allen taught the Young People; Miss Juanita Walker, the Intermediates, and Morrell Lee, the Juniors.

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## JACKSON COUNTY BTU ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Jackson County Training Union Association held its big "M" night on November 7, with 358 present. Wade Church won both the Attendance and Mileage banners, and Ocean Springs Church won the Efficiency banner.

Meeting at the First Church, Pascagoula, Rev. J. F. Albritton, pastor at Plateau, Ala., brought the inspirational message. Eight simultaneous departmental conferences were held.

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A RECENT SURVEY OF LEADING U. S. business men and labor leaders shows that only about 50 per cent of each group attend church services with any regularity.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### PERRY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

By REV. LUTHER K. TURNER

The Perry County Association met with Arlington church for its thirty-eighth annual meeting. Rev. J. H. Cothen, Jr., was elected moderator and Rev. Luther K. Turner was re-elected clerk.

The message from Secretary D. A. McCall was uplifting and challenging to the large crowd in attendance.

The digest of church letters revealed the following facts: 114 messengers present; a total membership of 2466; Sunday school enrolment 1466; Training Union enrolment 807; Vacation Bible School enrolment 560; contributions to missions \$5,071; all fifteen churches cooperating.

The Baptist Record now has subscribers in Perry county listed as follows: Arlington, 20; Beaumont, 65; Brewer, 24; Indian Springs, 20; Janice, 16; New Augusta, 59; Prospect, 18; Richton, 80; Runnelstown, 54; Seminary, 1; Union, 40; Calvary, 18.

### JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Jones County association met on Monday night and Tuesday, October 17-18, at Freedom Church.

Myrick Church was admitted to the association.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. H. J. Rushing, moderator; S. H. McDaniel, vice-moderator; Rev. John L. Gilbert, clerk; Harry Smallwood, treasurer.

Rev. W. L. Clark delivered the associational sermon. Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Dr. John Barnes, and Rev. T. R. McKibbens brought messages.

Jones County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethel, 10; Bethlehem, 72; Carvary, 30; County Lines, 62; Ellisville, 155; Fairfield, 57; Fellowship, 12; Friendship, 54; Harmony, 48; Hebron, 68; Indians Springs, 9; Laurel, First, 522; Laurel Second, 396; Laurel, Beacon, 88; Moselle, 52; East View, 62; Beulah, 62; New Hope, 27; Overt, 33; Pecan Grove, 4; Pine Grove, 55; Pleasant Home, 1; Sandersville, 61; Sand Hill, 31; Sra-ron, 67; Shelton, 1; Soso, 106; South Laurel, 72; Summerland, 59; Tucker Crossing, 8; West Laurel, 185; Glade, 69; Pleasant Ridge, 1.

### GULF COAST ASSOCIATION

By REV. W. S. ALLEN

The Gulf Coast Association met at Handsboro October 17-19; the program was unusually good. Dr. Joe T. Odle, of First Church Gulfport, preached a great sermon on "Why I Am a Baptist."

Officers elected for next year are: Dr. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi, Moderator; Rev. Paul C. Cooper of Handsboro, Associate Moderator; Rev. W. S. Allen of Pass Christian, Clerk-Treasurer.

Every report from every department of church work showed growth. There are twenty churches in the Association, including Riverside, which was admitted at this meeting.

The following figures were compiled from reports to the association: Total membership, 6,424; enrolled in Sunday School, 3,730; in W. M. U.'s, 1,080; in B. T. U.'s, 1,068, and in Brotherhoods, 199. Gifts to outside causes were as follows: Cooperative Program, \$15,163; All Missions, \$26,372;



Shown above are the deacons of the Van Winkle Church at the recent banquet given for all ordained deacons of the church and their wives. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hewitt were guests. Dr. Hewitt was the After-Dinner Speaker. Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor, was the Toast Master.

All Local Causes, \$172,352.

Gulf Coast Association now has Record readers listed as follows: Bay St. Louis, 73; Kiln, 2; Logtown, 7; Big Ridge, 7; Biloxi, First, 248; Biloxi, Second, 40; Crane, 1; Gulfport, First, 585; Fernwood, 38; Gulfport, East Side, 50; Gulfport, Grace Memorial, 49; Handsboro, 57; Long Beach, 80; Mississippi City, 2; New Hope, 35; Pass Christian, 44; Sharon, 12; West Gulfport, 22; Woolmarket, 19.

### MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

The Mississippi Association, which met at Centreville for its first day's session and at Oak Grove the second day, had 24 of its 25 churches represented. It was voted for the 1950 session to meet at Zion Hill on the first day and at Gloster on the second day.

Rev. A. A. Ward delivered the associational sermon and Rev. Wm. P. Davis, assistant executive secretary, spoke in the afternoon at Centreville. Rev. C. O. Daniels and Dr. W. L. Holcomb brought the main addresses on the second day.

Officers were elected as follows: Hon. J. T. Lowrey, moderator; Rev. C. O. Daniels, vice-moderator; Frank R. Causey, clerk; Lester White, treasurer.

Record readers in Mississippi Association are listed as follows: Calvary, 10; Bethel, 30; Berwick, 31; Crosby, 41; East Fork, 34; Ebenezer, 19; Galilee, 99; Gillsburg, 72; Glad-ling, 25; Hebron, 19; Liberty, 172; Mars Hill, 82; Mt. Olive, 50; Mt. Vernon, 58; New Zion, 45; Oak Grove, 38; Robinson, 28; Zion Hill, 49; Mt. Pleasant, 2; Centreville, 101; Pioneer, 5; Woodville, 88.

### COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

By REV. O. P. BRELAND

The Columbus Association met on October 26-27, the first day with the Mt. Vernon Church and the second with Plymouth Street Church.

Two new churches were received into the Association: South Side Church and Mt. Carmel Church. All the churches in the Association, a total of 16, report having Pastors except Mayhew.

The visitors out of the county were Dr. A. L. Goodrich, the Editor of the Baptist Record and Rev. W. P. Davis, an assistant to Dr. D. A. McCall.

The new officers to served during the next Associational year are: Moderator, Rev. K. Z. Stephens;

### SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL HELD IN WASH. CHURCHES

Evangelists and singers from eleven states, New York to Texas, assisted in the Baptist City-Wide Simultaneous Revivals of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, September 25-October 9. The results were 663 additions to the twenty-seven participating churches, 353 for baptism.

A special feature of the campaign was Noonday services for busy people and shoppers in a centrally located downtown church. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board preached the first week and Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Church, Dallas, the second week. Dr. B. B. McKinney, Secretary Church Music, the Sunday School Board, Nashville, conducted the music.

Another feature of the campaign was a gracious letter received from President Harry S. Truman expressing his concern for the need of a revival of the spirit of old-fashioned religion. His personal word of commendation and interest was helpful and appreciated.

Vice-Moderator, B. L. Kellum; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. O. P. Breland; Associational B. T. U. Director, Sam Wilder; Sunday School Superintendent, Doyle Copeland; Music Director, Miss Marion Davis; Temperance Director, Paul Jacob.

Program committee: Dr. S. R. Woodson, chairman, H. L. Davis, Mrs. Eubanks McCrary and Mrs. Hoyle Burns; Evangelism: Rev. Cary Sansing; Member of the State Board: Dr. S. D. Woodson; Missionary Committee: Dr. S. R. Woodson, chairman, Rev. A. C. Furr, Rev. J. F. Stanford and Rev. J. F. Sansing. The duty of this committee is to secure a county Missionary for the Association.

The 115th session of the Columbus Association will meet on Wednesday and Thursday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1950. On Wednesday it will be held at New Salem Church, Caledonia, and on Thursday at Northside Church, Columbus.

Record readers in Columbus Association are now listed as follows: Artestia, 11; Border Springs, 32; Caledonia, 1; Calvary, 55; Columbus, First, 799; Columbus, East End, 76; Mt. Vernon, 45; New Salem, 1; Pleasant Hill, 23; Plymouth, 16.

### Dr. Lee To Preach "Pay Day Some Day" In McComb, Nov. 25

Baptists of the entire McComb area will have the opportunity to hear Dr. R. G. Lee preach his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day" in the First Church of McComb on Tuesday night, November 25, at 7:30.

Dr. Lee is the beloved pastor of the Bellevue Church of Memphis, and the honored President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is currently being heard on the new Southern Baptist Radio Hour series. Dr. Lee is one of the nation's outstanding preachers. He preached "Pay Day Some Day" in his own city every year, and has preached it many, many times in churches and conventions all over the South. This is a rare spiritual treat that Baptists and other friends in and around McComb will not want to miss.

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### Simpson BTU Assoc. Meets

The Simpson County Associational Training Union met at Mt. Zion Church on November 8 with 495 present.

Good reports were given from the various churches in the Association with Siloam church receiving the banners for best monthly grade and best attendance at the Associational meeting.

Officers for the Associational Training Union are Fred Kennedy, Magee, Director; G. G. McAlpin, Magee, Asso. Director; Zeno Herrington, New Hope church, Secy-Treas.; Rev. C. C. Jones, Mendenhall, Pastor Advisor.

The next meeting will be held with the Braxton church December 7.

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### METHODISTS DISQUALIFY DRINKERS FROM LEADERSHIP POSTS

SANFORD, N. C.—(RNS)—North Carolina Methodists, meeting here for their annual conference, acted to bar persons who drink or favor liquor from positions of church leadership.

A resolution adopted by the conference said:

"Any person who drinks liquor, or votes to legalize liquor, or in any other manner supports the liquor traffic, should not consider himself fit or qualified to hold any office or occupy any place of leadership in The Methodist Church."

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Amber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi  
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

### DEC. 5—"M" NIGHT

Yes, "M" Night is scheduled for December 5. Let's make it BIG, Big in attendance, Big in Spirit, Big in Enthusiasm, Big in Future Training Union results, and that will make it Big in the sight of the Lord.

The fourth quarter's bulletin gives complete suggestions for planning and conducting the program. Mr. Wedel of the Nashville office has written to every Associational Director, sending him a beautiful poster offering to send as many more as the director will use in placing them in the individual churches. With prayer and work this can be made the greatest associational meeting for the year.

Have your calendar of work ready to present at this meeting. Challenge the people to a worthy undertaking during the year. Include several associational wide activities. "D" Day will be one of them. A Leadership School may be another. A simultaneous Enlargement campaign may be another. Organize another union may be another. Youth revivals and vacation Bible schools come in for consideration. Plans to send a group to Ridgecrest in July, an associational wide picnic, and other things too numerous to mention can be brought in for consideration. "M" Night will be BIG if BIG plans are made and carried out. The Associational Director and Pastor Advisor must lead out, but they must have the whole hearted cooperation of all pastors and other leaders. Cooperate, make "M" NIGHT BIG.

#### Attention All

#### Training Union Directors

Coming from the Nashville office to each Training Union Director in the state, sometime this month, is a "tube" which will contain, 1. A Calendar for 1950, 2. The poster on which to build the Church Training Union Calendar for 1950, 3. A Bible Reading Crusade Poster for 1950. These are valuable tools so be on the look out for this "tube." If you should receive this piece of mail and happen not to be the training union director in your church, please pass it on to the present director, and drop us a card giving us his or her name and address.

Training Union literature gained in circulation for the first of January to the first of July more than 80,000 copies. Every periodical is gaining. The Adult Union Quarterly went to 146,000 plus in the second quarter. "Like a Mighty Army moves the Church of God."

#### Contest Materials Are Ready

We now have the contest materials ready for distribution. These materials are not sent out except on request. We want every union to have them. Let leaders make the request. Do not order more than you will use profitably. For new leaders let us say we have a sheet explaining the Story Hour Bible Story telling, one explaining the Junior Memory Work Drill, another discussing the Intermediate Sword Drill, one for the Young People's Seaking Tournament, also one of the Adult Human Interest Story and then the Music Emphasis sheet. These are six MUSTS now in Training Union. Lead your union to cooperate. Mr. Associational Director, set the time now for your elimination contest. May is the time it should be held.

Friday night in Union Association, Saturday night in Warren, and Sunday afternoon in Hinds will complete our "D" Day itinerary. These have been glorious experiences. We will tell you about them in the December 1 issue of the Record.

#### Concord in Calhoun Organized Union

Mrs. E. E. Barton, Associational Director for Calhoun Co. reports another union: This time it is in Concord church, Rev. A. H. Childress pastor. Mrs. Barton says, "I believe this

will be a strong union, great interest was manifested. Brother Childress, as Jerry would say, is a 'Go Getter.' There were 70 present. We will give them a demonstration program soon." Officers-Director, Jessie Morris; Asso. Dir., Durane Bollinger; Sec. Faye Bollinger; Chorister, Claude Stilman; Pianist, Mrs. Laure Morris; S. H. Leaders, Kimbrel and Mrs. Claude Stilman; Junior Leader and Sponsor, Mrs. Carl Collins and Mrs. Wilton Jenkins; Intermediate Leader and Sponsor, Mrs. Erlene Webb and Mrs. Laure Morris; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Nannie Collins; Adult President, Frank Binette.



#### Associational Hymn Festivals Making Progress

We have word from the Marion County Music Association which was organized last August during a county-wide music emphasis. The county Music Leadership School was held in the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, and Dr. Mark Lowry is pastor. During the week Dr. Russell Bush of Columbia was elected president of the new organization. Dr. Bush is a fine musician and music director, and also, very active in Christian work. He is well qualified to lead the association in a very effective program of music.

Word has reached us that the last meeting of the association which was held in the Improve Baptist Church, a very fine period of music was presented. The singing continued for about two hours in which choirs rendered special music, other special music was given, and all the directors had a chance to lead the congregation in some good singing.

According to the latest information, the house was filled, and everybody seemed to enjoy the singing in a great way. All of the meetings of the Marion County Music Association, since it was organized, have been well attended.

The progress of this new organization in Marion County is an indication of how the people like to sing. This county music festival is a fine way to give the people a chance to sing. Only the regular church hymnals are used in the music festivals. The people sing the good old songs.

The slogan of this festival is to "Let All The People Sing."

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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#### CONVENTION COMMENTS

I thoroughly enjoyed it and feel like that you had a very fine convention.—G. Avery Lee, Ruston, La. . . . It was both encouraging and thrilling to me to observe the earnestness of the students and to feel something of their spirit.—J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood. . . . A few personal testimonies from the students upon their return were convincing proof that they had been richly blessed by having attended the convention.—Lou Case Murphy, Starkville. . . . The convention "afterglow" is quite real to all of us. I did not dream that my fifth BSU Convention would mean more than all the others combined. We are all rejoicing that the lost student who went with us came back with Christ.—Norma Jean John, Jones Jr. College. . . . The greatest convention we had ever been to.—Roy Isbell, Delta State. . . . I sincerely believe that this year's was the best State Convention that I have attended, and it was my fifth. The Lord spoke to all of us.—Rog Brigrance, Perkinson Jr. College. . . . I thought it was a very very good meeting.—Rogers M. Smith, Nashville, Tenn. . . . The State BSU Convention was one of the best ever. Greatly impressed with Miss College's hospitality; the Maximum Christian atmosphere—the unusual motif arrangements—the great number who came forward Sunday morning.—Riley Munday, Miss. Southern. . . . If the inspiration gained by my Council members who attended continues to be the standard for our work this year, I do

not doubt that there are great things ahead.—Beverly Hodges, Southwest Jr. College. . . . It was absolutely the best I have ever attended.—Nell Magee, Sunflower Jr. College. . . . The best convention yet.—S. A. Salter, Miss. State. . . . A very fine Convention. I hear nothing but glowing reports.—Marian Leavell, Ole Miss. . . .

#### POTPOURRI

At E. Central Jr.—174 Baptists, 87 unsaved; Sunflower Jr.—96 Baptists, 8 unsaved; Southwest Jr.—98 Baptists, 14 unsaved; Delta State—216 Baptists, 41 unsaved, 3 recently converted, 9 students helped establish mission church in Cleveland; Jones Jr.—289 Baptists, 48 unsaved, 1 recently converted; Pearl River Jr.—183 Baptists, 51 unsaved; Miss. College—824 Baptists, 2 unsaved; Miss. State—1500 Baptists (approx.); Blue Mtn.—235 Baptists, 1 unsaved; Woman's College—64 Baptists. . . . Augie Salter, Miss. State Student Sec'y, suggests that we invite high school students to our Convention. We believe this is an excellent idea. As he says, "they'll be sold on BSU long before they come to college." . . . Miss. College had the most Convention registrations with 126, followed by Blue Mtn. with 96, Clarke with 75, Miss. State with 65 attending, mostly registered. Clarke had 86 attending, Miss. College an estimated 300. A total of 497 girls and 217 boys registered, but only \$683 came in, indicating that 683 is the official paid registration with 31 subscriptions or applications.

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#### According to Knowledge

THE ZEAL THAT LASTS, AND GROWS, AND TRIUMPHS IS A ZEAL WHICH IS ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE.—GEORGE W. TRUETT.



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#### MRS. E. B. BRADLEY

Whereas, on October 5, 1949, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from the walks of life, our friend and co-worker, Mrs. E. B. Bradley, a most active worker in our society and church.

Whereas, that on the death of Mae, as she was known, and loved by all; our Woman's Missionary Union loses a most active and zealous member, one who was ever ready to aid the needy and distressed, regardless of race, creed or color. We shall miss her presence, her inspiration and her unselfish service. Her influence in her Circle, her Church and her community will live on and on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Although our hearts are saddened by her absence from among us, we find joy in knowing that our loss is her gain. She is now at rest with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Union, that we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this expression and tribute be forwarded to the family, placed on the Woman's Missionary Union minutes, and sent to The Aberdeen Examiner, and The Baptist Record for publication.

MRS. J. W. JACKSON  
MRS. L. T. HARRINGTON  
MRS. W. E. EIKNER

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THE MANY FRIENDS OF DR. DICK Houston Hall, Jr., will be interested to know that the First Church, Decatur, Georgia, recently celebrated the ninth anniversary of Pastor Hall. He is a native of New Albany.

and sound presentation of truth; to the fullest, fraternal co-operation with constituted leadership, without infringement upon editorial freedom; and to the fearless chartering of new courses by which our churches may march toward extraordinary progress.—Lewis A. Myers, editor The Baptist New Mexican, in October Home Life.

MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES WRITE

MANY OF OUR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES HAVE WRITTEN CONCERNING "HOW THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING WILL HELP THE FIELD IN WHICH I SERVE." WE PLAN TO HAVE THESE LETTERS ON THIS PAGE IN EACH NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE

BAPTIST RECORD, PAYING FOR THE EXTRA SPACE BEYOND OUR REGULAR SPACE.

THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE COMMISSION CARRIES THE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS OF ALL MISSIONARIES.

(Continued From Last Week)

RIVER PLATE

Colporteurs, under direction	
Publication Society	\$ 2,000.00
Production of new books	5,000.00
Rosario Goodwill Center,	
Argentina	\$600.00
Avellaneda, Goodwill	
Center	2,000.00
Automobile district mission-	
ary (T. B. Hawkins)	2,900.00
Tucuman church building,	
Argentina	15,000.00
Argentina Mission Board	
Bible Coach	1,000.00
Building and Loan Fund	
(churches)	9,500.00
Neuquen Church building	5,000.00
Baptist Hospital, Asunion,	
Paraguay	12,000.00
National Mission Board	2,500.00
Direct Evangelism, Uruguay	
and Paraguay	9,170.00
<b>TOTAL FOR RIVER</b>	
<b>PLATE</b>	<b>\$66,670.00</b>

The Lottie Moon Offering will mean in Argentina by:

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper; Mr. V. L. David; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten.

To give you as full an idea of what the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for the River Plate section of South America (it consists of three countries—Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay) will mean to this field let me ask you to visit those sections where the works made possible by these offerings are carried on. First let us go to the North of Argentina. There is a city where the gospel is not preached by others, where Bibles are not in the homes of more than one in a thousand, we see a nicely dressed man presenting himself at every door on the street. He is offering the Bible and Testaments for sale. He will talk with all who will give him the opportunity, about salvation through Jesus Christ. Your money to the River Plate makes this work possible in five or six different cases either full time or part time.

In that same section we see several workers patiently working with the Indians. Several churches either have already been organized or are about ready to be organized among them. This is a new work that your offering for the National Mission Board will make possible. Otherwise they would not be able to enter. This is the first work entirely dedicated to the Indians.

Let us go to the far north, Tucuman, the cradle of Argentine liberty, the place where the constitution was written, largely fashioned after that of the U. S. A. There we see missionary Paul Freeman and his wife spending their last years of mission service in the establishment of a strong work. This new church building will mean the reaching of a number of the middle class as well as poorer people of that great city. They will be able to leave the small unattractive rented hall and make a place that will draw the people.

Let us take a look at the scholars of whom there are many in the River Plate. One of them is in his study and is admiring a most valuable volume,

a Commentary on the Epistles of Paul by Bone and Schroeder, a very helpful work. We will find in the libraries of many ministers of all denominations, a Baptist production by our Publishing House. Your offering makes that possible along with other publications.

Into the homes of some new converts we go and find mothers and fathers with the zeal of a newly found faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask them how they came to know the Lord. "Oh, the little children attended the Good Will Center," they will reply. "They were so deeply impressed that we attended one of their functions and saw that the Baptists were not what we had heard, but really true Christians. We are happy in the Lord."

In the deep south of this country that is as long as the U. S. A. is tall, let us visit the wind swept city of Neuquen. Mr. Bowdler leads the church that has the best auditorium in the city, a building that would do credit to most any small church in the U. S. A. It has room to grow. It is growing. Because they have a nice building a higher type of people is attracted as well as the poorer people who hunger for the gospel. Your offering will make that building more complete, will add more space to it.

Let us take an imaginary trip by plane to a number of towns and small cities, many of them with no other work of any religious nature in them, some not even with a Catholic church, and there we find a lot already purchased a group of believers who are ardently desiring a house of worship. With the money that they will be able to borrow through the missionary loan fund, returning it in small monthly payments, even less than monthly monthly rent of a hall would be, they will have a nice little church house that will call the worshippers together on Sundays and during the week. It will be a center of evangelization for that section. What they have will be their own, not something rented.

Next year our new and only Baptist hospital in South America will open its doors under the competent leadership of Dr. Franklin Fowler. You will put food in the mouths of the patients, give them the medicine necessary for their recovery, provide the other things necessary for the efficient operation of a great Baptist hospital.

These and other things your offering will realize for the work on this field. Have you seen the work as our hearts feel it? Through your gifts you are making these things possible, and many others as well.

In the items for China we see the following:

Endowment Fund, Whild-	
den-Graves Memorial	
(Mo Kwong)	\$ 2,000.00
Current Expense, Whild-	
den-Graves Memorial (Ko	
Kwong)	\$ 2,000.00
Tun Shan Kindergarten,	
Canton, China	\$ 1,000.00
Leung Kwong Hospital,	

Canton	\$ 5,000.00
Total for China (Includ-	
ing above)	\$131,500.00

Many of our China Missionaries are at home, others are in the Philippines and still others are on the field. Mrs. James Belote writes for that group.

PART OF THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING WORKING Mrs. Martha Bigham Belote

Though at this time, I'm a refugee missionary in the Philippines, my heart (as well as my husband) is still in China, and when I read the list of items pertaining to the work in South China, I feel a surge of joy at the prospect of such help for the work at this time. I suppose most of us react to things in a personal way, relating them to ourselves, and my personal reactions were numerous when I read our list of appropriations for the Canton area . . . Mo Kwong Home for the blind—that's just across the street from our house, and we often hear the blind girls singing or practicing laboriously on their little organ; Leung Kwong Hospital—my heart stirs as I remember that that's where our baby, Carolyn, was born, just three months after we reached China (the first white baby ever born there); Tung Shan Kindergarten—where our Virginia and Teddy went to "school" and first learned to speak Chinese. My thoughts ran on and on.

One of the things which pains each China missionary at this time is the thought that during these days our people at home may feel that the door to China is either closed, or rapidly closing and that it is useless to give in the face of such an uncertain future. But if ever China needed our help, it is now. And if we decide to play safe and adopt a "wait and see" policy, it may then be too late to help. In letters from Jimmie today, he told of his recent travels to the country districts of our two southern provinces. Even with the Communists less than a hundred miles away, the churches are packed, and the people are responding to the gospel openly and apparently without fear of the new regime which will soon dominate their lives. It may take real courage for some of these people to stand true to Christ, and it may cost some of them their lives, but how encouraging it will be to them now, to be assured through our gifts of the love and prayers of Christian people in America.

This is still our day of opportunity in China and there is an urgency about the work that will not "wait and see." May the love of Christ constrain us to give and to pray.

JAPAN

Seinan Jo Gakuin,	
Kokura	\$ 9,000.00
Building Program, Seinan	
Gakuin, Fukuoka	50,000.00
Current Expenses, Training	
School, Fukuoka,	
Japan	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL FOR JAPAN</b>	<b>\$61,000.00</b>

JAPAN IN THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING By Curtis Askew

Upon our arrival in Japan in June, we found that our house in Hiroshima was not even started. This was a great disappointment to us, but has proven to be a blessing in disguise. In waiting on our house, we have had the privilege of seeing other fields of work in Japan. We have not been to Kyushu Island, to the south, where most of our work, and our two schools are located. But in Tokyo we saw much of the new work that has been developed since the war. We have seen three baptismal services, two new church buildings dedicated, and one new church organized, all of which were most impressive. But the thing that impressed me most was the zeal of a group of young people in the newly organized Keisen Baptist Church in Tokyo.

When we arrived in Tokyo in June, we found a building next to Edwin Dozier's home in the process of being converted from a soap factory to a lovely house of worship. Services had been started there only eight weeks previously by Mr. Dozier and Miss Lois Linnenkohl (now Mrs. Charles Whaley). The first Sunday we were there we were impressed by the large attendance at the morning service, and the zeal of a group of about 35 young people in an evening young people's service. A few of this group had been baptized, a larger group were then in a baptismal class, awaiting baptism, and others had not yet made a profession of faith. But they carried on a program of study and testimony—that would put to shame most of our training unions in America.

During a week in August, Professor Kawano, president of the seminary department of Seinan Gakuin, came and lead these young people in a week of Bible Conference. They had meetings beginning at 6:30 in the morning for five days. During that time the inspiration came to them to have another week of evangelistic services.

Beginning Saturday night, through the following Wednesday night, the group met at the church at 6:30 in the evening. Together we would march down the streets under a Christian flag, singing hymns, to the nearby suburban railway station. In Japan railway stations are the centers of activity at morning and evening, for everybody goes everywhere, always, by train or street car. Therefore we had quite a crowd in attendance upon a live song and testimony service held in front of the station. How those young Christians did testify! Young men who had been Christians only a few weeks preached as though their hearts were on fire! Then at 7:30 we would return to the church in the same manner where either I or Mr. Kawano or both would preach to those who came. A number of people who lived nearby and did not even know of a church being there came. One stranger came to

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## Dr. Caudill To Lead Louisville Revival



DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will preach in revival services at the First Baptist Church, Louisville, Mississippi, November 28 through December 4. A frequent contributor to religious journals and magazines, he is the author of *Broadman Comments*, an annual commentary on the international Sunday School lesson series.

Dr. Caudill is the Tennessee member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Chairman of its Finance Committee. Since the Copenhagen meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in July of 1947, Dr. Caudill has served as Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee.

For the past four summers Dr. Caudill has traveled abroad in South America and Europe in behalf of missions and relief for the Baptist World Alliance. Through these he has become internationally known as a minister of the gospel and a Christian statement.

Dr. Caudill will speak each morning at 10 o'clock and each evening at 7:30.

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**THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS** Commission has refused the request of a San Francisco atheist to revoke the license of four San Francisco radio stations because they allegedly refused him time to present atheistic programs.

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**MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES**  
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Mrs. Dozier after one service and told her that he had heard the street service, and he had come to have a strange burden in his heart. She led him to Mr. Kawano to tell him of Christ. Several new Christians were born during those services.

I was especially impressed during that week with Mr. Kawano. He is a graduate of our seminary in Louisville, and speaks very good English. He is scholarly, careful, and wise, but also deeply spiritual and evangelistic. I am thankful that our young ministers in Japan have had him to guide them during their seminary days in Seinan Gakuin. I was further impressed by the eagerness and zeal of the young people of Japan. They need instruction and guidance and strengthening of their faith. For this reason I am thankful for our Baptist schools at Kokura and Fukuoka, and for their wise and spiritual leadership.

(Continued Next Week)

## Church Group Questions Movie Drinking Scenes

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(RNS)—A group of church people in Oklahoma City plan to ask Hollywood movie producers why drinking scenes have to be included in moving pictures.

Members of the social action commission of the Council of Churches made this decision at their meeting here.

Using the film, "Lost Boundaries," as an example, the group commented that the drinking scene in this "otherwise fine picture" could have been omitted because it was not necessary to the plot.

The commission wants to know if liquor interests are promoting drinking scenes as subtle advertising for their products.

## Missionary Called More Valuable Than Battleship

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—Methodist Bishop Charles W. Brashares of Des Moines, Ia., said here that one good missionary may be worth more than a battleship in today's world confusion.

He spoke at a rally in connection with Methodism's four-year Advance for Christ and His Church, a program aimed at combatting religious indifference and increasing missionary efforts.

"The 600,000,000 Christians of the world," Bishop Brashares said, "are more numerous than any national group and the resources of a belief in God as revealed in Christ can do more to end atheism than any other power."

## 16,798 Baptisms Reported At Missouri Baptist Assoc.

JOPLIN, Mo.—(BP)—Adoption of an \$800,000 Cooperative Program goal, approval of a campaign to raise \$75,000 to remodel and expand the Missouri Baptist Student Center Building at Columbia, and plans for the Western Evangelistic Crusade are among the advanced objectives of Missouri Baptists for 1950, as voted by the messengers to the 115th annual session of the Missouri Baptist General Association, meeting here, October 25-27.

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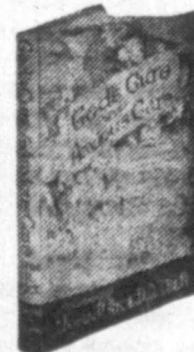
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## CO-OPERATION IN MISSIONS

On the last Sunday in October a mission chapel was dedicated on Grand Isle in the Gulf of Mexico, just off the Louisiana shore. The participants in the service of dedication represented agencies in typical co-operation for advance in missions.

Grand Isle is a hill of sand piled up in the Gulf of Mexico near the place where Bayou LaFourche empties into the sea. It is the popular beach of New Orleans, although a hundred miles from the city. Traffic from New Orleans to Grand Isle makes the highway look like a city boulevard by the number of cars headed back to New Orleans late in the evening on Sunday. The young pastor of Raceland Church, a student in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who, through the Louisiana State Mission Board is serving as student-pastor, furnished transportation for me seventy miles toward New Orleans where I was to catch a train and be on my way to a state convention. Along with him was a young doctor who is serving as house physician in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans while he is awaiting appointment by the Foreign Mission Board as a medical missionary to Africa. Thus a home missionary, a state missionary-pastor and a foreign mission volunteer were in the line of traffic from Grand Isle to New Orleans.

### An Active Missionary

Home Missionary S. T. Smith, of Golden Meadow, Louisiana, serves the First Baptist Church of his city as pastor. This small church with French background has been a bright spot in home mission work for a number of years. Brother Smith preaches twice each Sunday at the Golden Meadow church and drives thirty-five miles to Grand Isle for two services each Lord's day on the island. His week time activities find him just about as busy as his Sunday work. With a mission at Williams Chapel, just outside Golden Meadow, and the two churches to serve, he keeps his car running up and down the highway by the side of Bayou LaFourche quite regularly. As a home missionary Brother Smith finds himself in the midst of state mission work because of local circumstances and a fine spirit of co-operation.

### The New Chapel At Grand Isle

In the summer of last year Brother Smith was conducting services on the Isle wherever he could find a meeting place and enough people for a service. He engaged the services of Rev. T. M. Mercer, rural evangelist of Louisiana, jointly employed by the Home Mission Board and the state mission board of Louisiana for a tent meeting. After the revival permanent work was established and plans for a new building were submitted to the people.

The state mission board of Louisiana bought suitable lots for the building of a chapel. Mrs. Jenkins, of Mansfield, and the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, through Mrs. Jenkins, furnished \$3,000 toward the construction of the building. Other interested individuals gave money. Particularly helpful were representatives of oil companies engaged in drilling oil wells in the tidelands near the island. These friends, some of them not even Baptists, gave liberally toward the building of the chapel so they could have a place of worship

## 10,000TH STUDENT AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY



The 10,000th student to enroll at Southern Seminary, Louisville, since the Seminary was founded in 1859 was Clyde D. Sears, 25, Indianapolis, Ind., shown with Mrs. Elroy Lamb, secretary in registrar's office. The Seminary enrollment this year reached 823 for the first term to break all previous records. An additional 51 men and women are enrolled in the Seminary's School of Church Music, and 196 women are enrolled in the WMU Training School.

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on the island. Missionary Smith and a Frenchman by the name of Norah Dufrene, with their own hands, and with the help of other volunteer workers, constructed the beautiful chapel building. It is estimated that the value of the property is in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. The Home Mission Board, the Louisiana Mission Board, the Virginia Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Mary Jenkins, of Mansfield, Louisiana, author of a book *Around the World in Louisiana*, whose missionary interest is world-wide, Golden Meadow Baptists, oil drilling and operating crews, and many well-wishers co-operated in the building of the Grand Isle chapel.

### Dedication Service

The Methodist minister of Golden Meadow, Rev. L. W. Taylor; Mrs. P. Mercedes Adams, municipal judge, of Grand Isle; Dr. L. A. Stagg, Jr., associational moderator, and descendant of the original French missionary, Lonzo Staff; Rev. T. H. Mercer, rural missionary, and J. E. Garner, student missionary, of Raceland, participated in the exercises.

Representing the Home Mission Board with a message on co-operative missions was John Caylor. Dr. W. H. Knight, secretary for Louisiana Baptists, preached the dedicatory sermon.

### World Mission Advance

The chapel at Grand Isle is representative of the co-operation necessary for advance in world missions. Personal soul-winning at the local church level is a foundation. Associational missions is necessary. A state co-operating in the whole mission program of the world is important. A denomination-wide home mission board for correlation and co-operation is essential to a balanced emphasis. Foreign missions is the outreach.

**FROM THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST** Reflector we learn that Rev. Lester E. Burnett, Sr., a native of Clinton and formerly pastor of the Lexington Church is the new pastor of the Deadrick Avenue Church, Knoxville. Mr. Burnett resigned the Lexington pastorate in order to re-enter the Air Corp Chaplaincy.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 21—Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Tallahatchie County Convention Board member; J. A. Sewell, Pontotoc Associational Sunday School Secretary.

November 22—Simultaneous Association Sunday School meeting; W. T. Douglas, Mississippi College faculty.

November 23—Mrs. J. T. Lyons, Pike Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; Dr. B. Frank Smith, Woman's College faculty.

November 24—Thanksgiving Sunrise Services.

November 25—Mrs. Ernest Sappington, Pontotoc W. M. U. Associational Young People's leader; Rev. Fred B. Bookter, Pike County Convention Board member.

November 26—Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary, State Sunday School Department.

November 27—E. L. Hobby, Union Associational Sunday School Secretary.

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### District Conferences In Full Swing

As of this date, Monday, November 7, we have had four of our annual District Conferences. All have been well attended, reaching more men than we have ever reached before, and the messages by Nelson Tull of Arkansas were superb. District Eight (8) met with Southside Church, McComb, and had 325 men present, which is the largest attendance in the history of our Conferences. They elected the following officers: Joe McCollough, McComb, president; T. C. Sandifer, Brookhaven, vice-president; Rev. A. W. Talbert, Jackson, secretary-treasurer; and the pastor advisors are Rev. Flynt and Rev. Arnold Nelson. District One (1) met at Mississippi College, Clinton, and had approximately 160 men present in spite of the Mississippi College-Millsaps game the same night. They elected the following officers: T. M. Dickson, Jackson, president; Mr. Senter, Florence, vice-president; Lee Denson, Jackson, secretary-treasurer; and the pastor advisors are Rev. L. C.

Hoff, Florence, Rev. Grady Smith, Paul Truitt Memorial, and Rev. R. J. Sweetman, Crystal Springs. District Seven (7) met at Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, with about 140 men present and elected the following officers: L. O. "Runt" Murphy, Sr., Laurel, president; Huber D. Jordan, Sr., Ellisville, vice-president; and Rev. J. H. Street, Laurel, secretary-treasurer. District Six (6) met at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, with 226 men present and elected the following officers: Joe Norris, Meridian, president; A. D. Richardson, Cart-hage, vice-president; Robert Cochran, Newton, secretary-treasurer; and the pastor advisors are Rev. Lewis Curtis, Hickory, Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman, and Rev. George Smith, Lena.

We have already reached as many men in four meetings as we usually reach in all eight meetings.

L. H. Tapscott of Texas and I are making the north Mississippi Conferences this week, a report of which will be in this column next week.

### CROP Director Names Commodity Needs For Europe

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 14—Mississippi farm commodities acceptable for export through the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) for relief of the ill, destitute and hungry of Europe and Asia were made known in an announcement just released by Major W. E. Holcomb, State Director.

It was explained, however, donations of all kinds of produce are encouraged and will be acceptable, with county committees authorized to convert cash and non-exportable items into the commodities that will be shipped overseas.

Cotton, corn, soy beans, milk, cane syrup, peanuts, pecans and dehydrated sweet potatoes are listed as approved for export.

Cotton is especially sought since the bale unit controls in shipment to port, irrespective of quality, and the need for the fiber overseas is desperate.

"Milk, powdered, condensed or evaporated is needed badly," Holcomb said, "and raw milk will be converted at processing plants into one of the three forms suitable for shipment overseas."

Canned cane syrup in gallon tins or larger, when sealed on two sides, is another item acceptable in any quality available. Several counties are concentrating on corn and soy beans and setting goals in terms of earload lots.

More than 100,000 CROP pledge cards to be used in the various counties of the state by canvassers, selected by local organization officials, have been forwarded in response to requests from county chairmen. Each donor will indicate on the card his or her contribution, amount, and the church relief agency through which the gift is to be distributed. Churches of all denominations are cooperating.

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**WE AGAIN REMIND OUR READERS** that we cannot use unsigned material. We have today a postal card from somebody that has some good information on it but no name signed to it. From the content we suspect the writer is from Vicksburg. But as there is no name signed to it it will go the way of all unsigned articles.

### Strayhorn Ordains 2 Deacons

The Strayhorn Church ordained two deacons on Sunday afternoon, November 6. Rev. Earl George gave the charge to the Candidates and Rev. Brooks McMasters gave the charge to the church. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. C. R. Harwood.

Those ordained were Max Billingsley, who is the Sunday School Superintendent, and James Rhodes, the Adult Teacher.

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### 1ST CHURCH, PASCAGOULA REPORTS MONTH OF STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

First Church, Pascagoula, sponsored a Stewardship Emphasis program for the month of October. Every service for the entire month emphasized Stewardship.

As a result 300 people have signed Tither's Cards. On the last Sunday of the month, offerings and tithes totaled \$3,919.

The church has voted that October will be an annual Stewardship Emphasis Month.

Dr. Charles L. McKay is the pastor.

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### EVERGREEN, WINSTON CO. HAS ALL-DAY PROGRAM EMPHASIZING BLDG. FUND

Evergreen Church, Winston County, had an all-day program on October 30, with dinner served on the church grounds.

Rev. J. L. Moore, a former pastor, delivered the morning message and Richard Uejo, Mississippi College student from Hawaii, brought the evening message. Mrs. Uejo furnished the special music for the evening service.

During the afternoon two deacons were ordained, Howard Metts and Dick Sanders. Rev. James Fairchild preached the ordination sermon.

A special offering was taken in the afternoon to add to the fund for the Sunday School building. More than \$1,000 was received in pledges and cash. The plans, which are according to the Sunday School Board, include eight Sunday school rooms.

Rev. James Fancher is the pastor.

### Sansing Assumes Pastorate At Davis Memorial



REV. L. GORDON SANSING

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing has assumed his duties as pastor of Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, and will preach his first sermon there on Sunday, November 20.

Mr. Sansing was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Booneville, for four years before coming to Jackson.

The Davis Memorial Church has received the new pastor and family most graciously. A bountiful pantry shower added to the warm welcome.

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**SINCE IT HAS SEEMED WISE TO SET** a deadline for receiving applications for exhibit space at the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, announces that the deadline might well be February 1, 1950. Application for space may be sent to G. W. Card, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL  
November 20

THE GREAT INVITATION, Isaiah 56:  
56:6-8.

### I. TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES

We are back in an age which elapsed hundreds of years before the coming of our Lord to the manger cradle in Bethlehem. There had yet been no Jesus upon the earth to carry on the wonderful ministry of preaching and teaching, of healing the sick and raising the dead, of suffering, the just for the unjust and ultimately dying upon the cross, thus giving "His life a ransom for many"; of being raised from the dead because our justification had by His death been wrought out, of appearing on numbers of occasions to His disciples, of ascending again unto the Father for the beginning of His gracious session of the exercise of "All authority in heaven and on earth."

And yet the passage under immediate scrutiny today contains just the gracious truths that fell manded from His gracious lips while He was here in the flesh. Our heavenly Father is here urging upon us an invitation unto Him and into fellowship with Him, and that just as tenderly solicitous as and in words as kind and loving as the later invitation of the Son, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. The invitation here so positively and earnestly issued was simply re-echoed and rephrased of the lips of Jesus; and by His life, death and resurrection every incitation and promise has now been underscored and emphasized for all mankind.

Let us stand still and listen once more to those great calls to repentance and obedience which issue from this great passage. In the language of Professor Birks, "The great central prophecy of the sufferings of Christ, Chapter 53, and of the blessings to the church through His death and resurrection, chapter 54, are here followed by an earnest call to receive the heavenly gift.

### II. INCLUSIVENESS OF THE INVITATION

"Ho, very one that thirsteth." Be still a moment now, and let the all-inclusiveness of that address penetrate all your being and fill you with assurance that the gracious Father-Host has included your name among those of the guests invited. For wheresoever you live and whatsoever your condition, you hunger and thirst. "He that hath no money," extends the invitation to all people of whatever financial condition, to the rich and the very poorest of the poor, and all the individuals and classes between. "Water . . . wine and milk," and these include all the beverages of a simple civilization, differing in their operation, but all precious to a thirsty palate.

Water revives, wine gladdens, milk nourishes. There are thirsts and hungers which infallibly point to the true objects needed to satisfy them. If a man is hungry, he knows what he wants—food. If he be thirsty, he knows that the body is crying for drink, and just as the necessities of the animal life are incapable of being misunderstood, and the objects which will satisfy them incapable of being confused or mistaken, so there are other noble thirsts which invariably point to the thing which they need.

Love, friendship, understanding, someone to lean upon, some faithful, sympathetic heart to lean the head upon, some friendly hand to clasp our own—all these we need, and all these the Father offers us.

But of all the pitiable plights in which the thirsty soul finds no satisfaction but only a keener thirst, the worst is that

of the poor unfortunate who tries to satisfy the nobler thirsts with "that which satisfieth not," while all the while there is ringing out this solicitous imperative, "Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

### III. THE METHOD OF APPROACH TO THE BANQUET BOARD VV 6, 7

"Seek ye Jehovah while He may be found." I pause to say no word as to the meaning of the phrase, "while He may be found," but would stay attention upon the fact that the thirsty soul is to seek satisfaction in Jehovah. "Well, how shall I seek Him?" Who are you? To what class of the thirsty do you belong? There are, first, "the wicked." That is clear. The wicked are those who indulge in wickedness in any or all of its forms.

Drop your wickedness, or wickednesses, so you can "return unto Jehovah." Then, there is "the unrighteous man," the moralist, maybe, the respectable gentleman, self-dependent. Sir Satisfied Righteousness. He needs to learn that all his righteousness is as filthy rags in the sight of Jehovah, so let Mr. Righteousness forsake his thoughts of self-gratulation and complacency, and look to the real and only standard.

### IV. ISSUE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION

"Our God . . . will abundantly pardon." "Isaiah, do you mean that Jehovah will pardon all the wrong I have done Him? all the sins I have committed against Him? Is there not somewhere a limit beyond which I dare not go?" Oh, yes! You have reached and passed that limit long time ago. You passed that limit the very first time you sinned. But there is no limit to the reach of the love and mercy of God. If you will turn, He will save. And all this because He is not like you. If a man smite thee on one cheek, turn to him the other also; and if he smite thee on the other cheek, knock him down flat! Now, that latter

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is man, but it is not God. "As the heaven is higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

That's the reason He will abundantly pardon. Let your soul feast upon that gracious truth. Our God is kind and merciful, full of kindness and tender mercy. The contrast is between the largeness of God's ways of grace, the vastness of His thoughts of mercy, and the selfishness of the sinner, the low conception of the penitent when first he turns to God.

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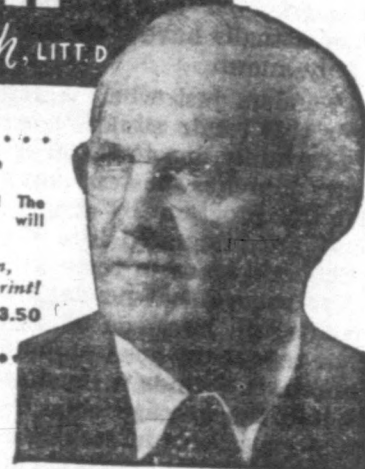
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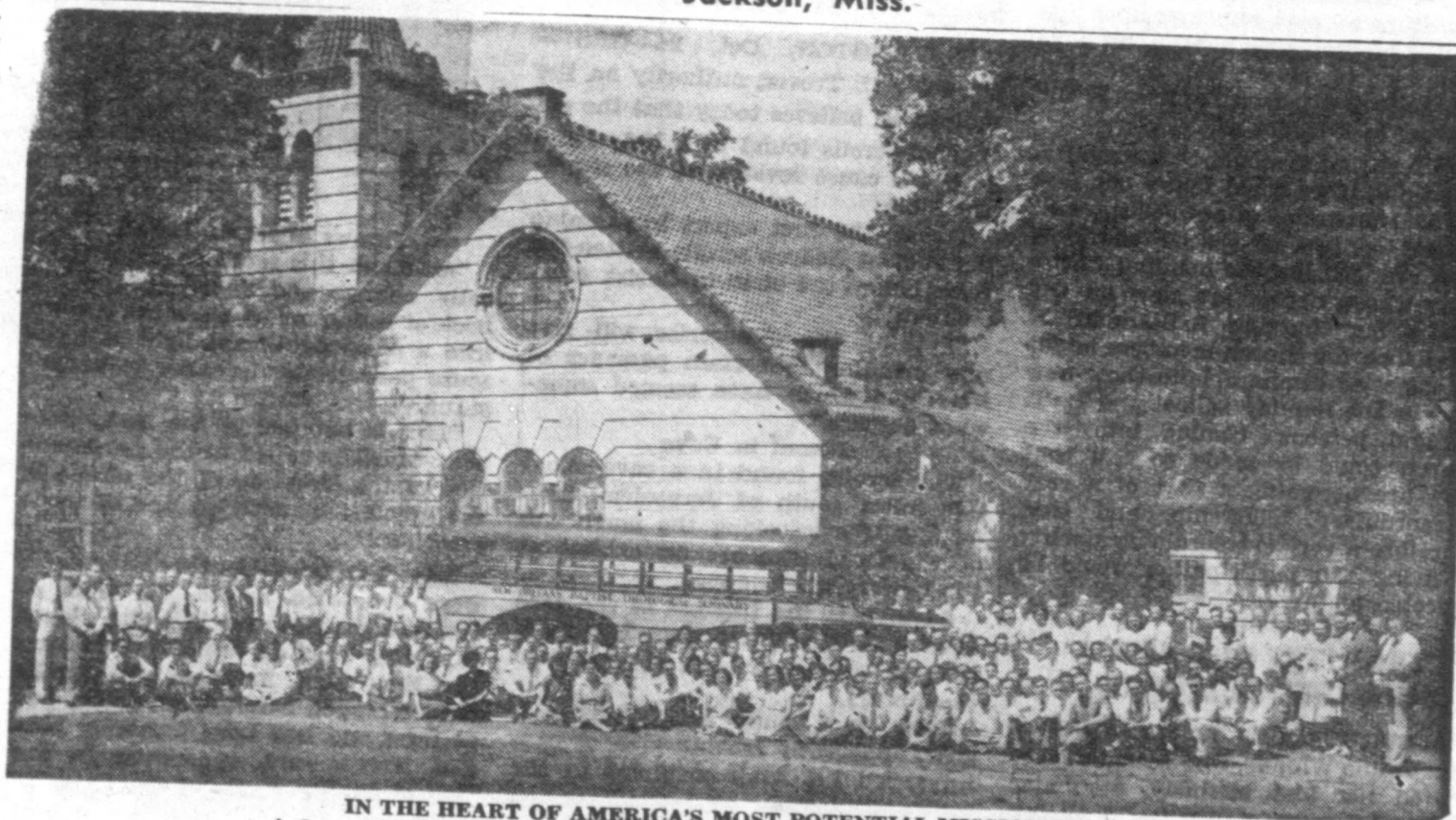
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## Evangelizing The Nominal Christian

By EDWARD HUGHES PRUDEN  
Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Washington, D. C.

In the last few years our Southern Convention has done a notable piece of work in the area of promoting simultaneous evangelistic crusades in our larger cities.

While we commend this program whole-heartedly and have participated in it consistently, we believe the time has come for us to give some concerted attention to the evidently unsaved within our churches.

In recent months several reports have been circulated concerning churches which have undertaken to revise their rolls, only to discover that there were upon these rolls hundreds of names of persons who could not be located by any known process. We like to boast of our six million Southern Baptists, but one wonders how many we actually have if all the facts were fully known.

One wonders just what is responsible for this tragic situation. A part of it is certainly due to the fact that too few churches possess any sort of plan or program by which new members are integrated into the life of the church. Many of them are permitted to believe that no definite requirements will be made of them in order to remain in good standing in the church. One finds it much easier to get into the average church than he would experience in seeking membership in a lodge or a civic club.

It is also altogether possible that in putting a great emphasis upon the number of people we baptize, we have unconsciously given the impression that getting a person baptized is the supreme task before us.

We feel that it would be a magnificent thing if we could follow our 1950 and 1951 programs of evangelism with a year or two of special emphasis upon evangelizing the nominal Christians whose names are now on the rolls of our churches. A Standard of Excellence for church members might be suggested comparable to those now used in the Sunday School and B. T. U., and persons coming into the church could be made to feel that they are becoming a part of a very extraordinary fellowship, and that therefore a very extraordinary quality of living and participation would be expected of them.

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## ATTRIBUTES OLD AGE TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(RNS)—Mrs. Annie Winans, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday, attributes her many years of life to "Christian living" and regular attendance at Sunday school and church.

She has not missed Sunday school or church service at the Fruit Avenue Baptist church a single Sunday this last year. Each Sunday the Rev. Lawrence Walker takes her to Sunday school and then drives her home after church.

"If people would show love toward each other," Mrs. Winans says, "they would get along a lot better."

She plans to celebrate her 100th birthday in the course of time. A church member has promised her \$1,000 on that occasion.

"I couldn't pass up an opportunity like that," she said.

## Southern Baptists Included In Harper's Best Sermon Book

NEW YORK—(BP)—Three Southern Baptists are represented in the 1949-50 edition of *Best Sermons*, published by Harper and Brothers. They are Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee; Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of history and theology, New Orleans Seminary; and Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Selected along with 49 others from 6,585 sermons submitted to the editors, they represent, according to Chief Editor G. Paul Butler, "the best sermonic efforts of the great preachers of our day." He also says, "All sermons have been selected for their homiletic value and their spiritual message for our time. Inclusion of any sermon in the volume does not mean that the author of that sermon approves or agrees with the contents of the other sermons or with any sermon in that volume."

Dr. McCall writes on "The First Day of the Week," a sermon asking proper reverence for the Lord's Day. He says:

"Thank God, however, there are those who celebrate the Resurrection every Sunday with worship which prepares the mind, and heart, and will to walk the high road of the resurrected life throughout the week. The purpose of the Resurrection of Christ was not to make possible an annual pilgrimage to an empty tomb but to provide fellowship with a living Saviour every step of every day. Something tremendous ought to happen to each of us as we worship this Easter Sunday and on every other Sunday. It will, if we can recover the day from our pagan expectations and habits."

## OLD BIBLICAL SCROLLS SAID TO BE GREAT FIND

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—(INS)—Dr. John C. Trever, authority on the Scriptures, believes today that the old Biblical scrolls found in a Holy Land cave will cause revision of the standard Bible.

Trever, the first expert to examine the ancient Hebrew scrolls written 200 years before the birth of Christ, commented:

"I think the discoveries will give new meaning to certain passages of the Bible which have seemed somewhat obscure."

### Found in Cave

The scrolls, found in a cave about five miles south of Jerusalem, high on a cliff overlooking the north end of the Dead Sea, are on exhibit at the Library of Congress.

So high is the interest in the rare documents that more than 1,200 persons an hour have been pressing into the library.

They were found in 1947 when a goat, apparently seeking greener pastures, led his Arab shepherd to the cave's opening.

Trever, a member of the committee for the revised standard version of the Bible and a director of the International Council of Religious Education, pointed out that the "Bible of the common man" is the King James version, written in 17th century England. Trever told the International News Service:

"Years will be necessary before all the values of the scrolls are studied and gleaned, but already a committee of scholars is revising the standard Bible."

"They have been able to make use of the dead sea scroll of Isaiah—greatest single find among the documents—for the revision of the book

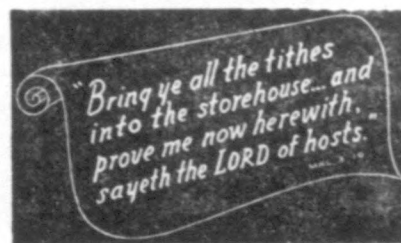
## Harper's Best Sermon Book

Dr. St. Amant's sermon is "Christian Faith Confronts the Modern Mind." He shows that for every perverse pagan or agnostic idea there is a superior Christian idea. One of his paragraphs reads:

"Let us go on in our thought to say that the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith are the grace of God and the reality of sin. The grace of God, manifested supremely in Jesus Christ, which provides power, wisdom, and forgiveness for man, and the reality of sin, a rebellion of spiritual dimensions that defies the customary psychological explanations: this constitutes the basic intellectual structure of the Christian faith. St. Paul has succinctly defined the spiritual disease which infests man down at the very roots of his being: 'They changed the glory of the corruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man.' This self-deification; this claim that 'my culture,' 'my class,' or 'my anything else' is ultimate and final in the essence of sin."

Dr. Pruden preaches on "United Nations and Divided Churches." He closes his sermon:

"When Jesus offered his prayer for the unity of Christians which is recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel, he indicated that the whole triumph of his cause depended upon the answer to that prayer, for having prayed, 'that they may all be one,' he added, 'that the world may believe that Thou didst send me.' If we honestly desire that Christ shall be taken seriously throughout the world, we must acquire the grace and wisdom sufficient for the task of recognizing and translating into action the unity we already possess."



of Isaiah.

### Throws Light On Isaiah

"Although this scroll does not radically change the knowledge of the book of Isaiah, many parts are thrown into a more significant light and obscure passages made easier to understand."

"This is but one of the many reasons which have led to the proclamation of the discovery of the scrolls as the greatest manuscript find of modern times."

The dark brown leather documents were concealed before the time of Jesus in earthenware jars and placed in a cave high on a cliff overlooking the Dead Sea. Some of the scrolls were wrapped carefully in linen, but at least one had been hurriedly hidden, Trever said, apparently in the face of danger.

He said that 17 complete scrolls have been identified in the ancient treasure and 250 fragments of documents have been found. Some of the fragments are so small they contain only a word, or a line, but all are of interest to the scholars.

Trever said one of the scrolls was written in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. He added: "Up to now we have never had a religious document in that language. It was in such shape we were afraid to unroll it."

"But a fragment of the leather softened and I found it was the book of Enoch which is not in the Bible. It should throw new light on the background of the New Testament."

## Texas Baptists Open FM Station

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—KYBS, new \$75,000 frequency modulation station owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas is officially on the air.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, the Convention's executive secretary, and the heads of nine Baptist colleges and five Baptist hospitals took part in a one-hour program which launched the station, the most powerful FM-type in the state.

The Convention has explained that the primary purpose of the station is to bring culture and religion into the home. It also hopes to obtain enough commercial broadcasts to become self-sustaining. The station expects to operate sixteen hours daily and offer news, sports, agriculture and education programs.

According to Baptist plans, the Dallas station will be the key unit in a proposed state-wide Baptist network of stations. Only the station here will be controlled by the Convention. The others will be operated by various Baptist groups in the state.

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## Wanted: Pictures Of Church Steeple With Clocks

A request for pictures of church steeples with clocks is being made by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Director of Promotion, Church World Service. The symbol of the 1950 concerted appeal of the major denominations, which will be held on Sunday, March 12, 1950, will be a church steeple with a clock—the hands of which point to the hour of eleven.

Dr. Stuber desires new glossies, suitable for printing, along with a 300-500 word article of the history of the church. It the steeple or clock has any special significance in the life of the church he would like to have this stressed. The picture must be taken at eleven o'clock in order to catch the significance of the "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The pictures selected as the best will be used in a series of articles. They should be sent during November or December to Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y.

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"TEACHING THE BIBLE IS A MAJOR of the Sunday school. Nothing should weaken this function. No man is well informed on anything that does not know what he knows in the light of the Holy Scriptures. He cannot have understanding of world issues of the times if he does not see them through the lenses of divine revelation."—W. R. White, *The Sunday School Builder*.

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THE CROSS IS AN "I" CROSSED out—and the Cross of Christ means death to self. A man who was afraid to testify in public said, "I'd die first." That is what we must do! It means conflict, struggle, agony, for we die hard. It may mean being misunderstood in school, in business, at home. The world will think us queer and our conduct strange. (Peter 4:4.) We have read of two girls, lately converted from a life of worldliness, who answered an invitation to a dance by saying, "We are dead and can't come!" It was a Scriptural answer!—Vance Havner, in *GREAT GOSPEL SERMONS* (Revell).

CHURCH MEMBERS IN TOO MANY cases are like deep sea divers, encased in the suits designed for many fathoms deep, marching bravely to pull out plugs in bath tubs.—Peter Marshall, in *MR. JONES, MEET THE MASTER* (Revell).